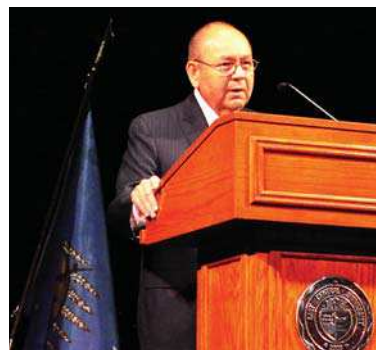


Gov. Anoatubby addresses Remembrance assembly

Vietnam vets honored at traveling Wall



Chickasaw citizen and Vietnam War veteran Gene Robinson visits with KCNP Radio manager Brian Brashier about his war experiences and the experience of returning to a country ill-prepared for the soldiers' presence.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby speaks to attendees at the Remembrance Ceremony and Celebration of Freedom on the East Central University campus in Ada.

ADA, Okla. - Gov. Bill Anoatubby joined Ada and East Central University (ECU) May 3 to honor America's fighting men and women - especially those who served in Vietnam.

ECU hosted the American Veterans Traveling Tribute, an 80 percent-size replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

Gov. Anoatubby, himself a veteran, said he was honored and humbled to be asked to

deliver remarks at the Remembrance Ceremony and Celebration of Freedom gathering. The Vietnam War, he said, was very difficult for veterans, and all Americans.

"We had disagreements across our nation," he told the gathering of approximately 130. "We struggled but we can now give the folks whose names are etched in the memorial the name 'braves,'" he said. "They were brave, dedicated and committed to putting their lives on the line so we can have the freedoms we enjoy today."

"They called it a conflict," Gov. Anoatubby said, "but we know what (Vietnam) was. It was a war."

The memorial contains more than 58,000 names of American soldiers, marines, sailors and airmen who never returned home from Southeast Asia.

"They were fathers, sons, daughters, brothers and sisters," Gov. Anoatubby said. "It has taken a long time for the wounds to heal."

While initially supported by most Americans, it became clear over time that America was, at best, playing to a stalemate. Support for the war waned and organized protests in cities and college campuses ensued. Four student deaths at Kent State University in Ohio, and violence at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago, horrified the nation. So powerful was anti-war sentiment, President Lyndon John-

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Leaders of the Five Tribes in traditional regalia at the May meeting of the Intertribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in Durant, Okla. From left are Seminole Chief Leonard Harjo, Muscogee (Creek) Nation Chief George Tiger, Cherokee Chief Bill John Baker, Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Anoatubby and Choctaw Chief Greg Pyle.

Five Civilized Tribes leaders note rapid progress in economic development, services for citizens

Reports by leaders of the Five Tribes included accounts of tremendous progress in health care, housing, education, elder services and other programs designed to increase opportunities and enhance the quality of life of tribal citizens.

Great strides in economic development helping enable each of the tribes to make such progress were brought to the fore by comments of Cherokee Chief Bill John Baker.

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Tribe mobilizes to assist Oklahoma tornado victims

More than 20 tornadoes ripped through more than 150 miles of central Oklahoma the last two weeks of May, killing at least 46 and injuring dozens in one of the worst outbreaks of deadly weather in recent memory.

Hours after a May 19 tornado destroyed a mobile home park near Shawnee, members of the Chickasaw Nation Search and Rescue team were on the scene digging through rubble and assisting with relief efforts.

The very next day, May 20, the most devastating storm tore a 17-mile path of destruc-



Chickasaw citizen Janet Robbins Page prepares forms at the Chickasaw Nation command center. Mrs. Page and her husband lost their home in the May 19 tornado.

tion through Moore, Okla.

As the Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way of Oklahoma City and other local organiza-

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'Cinderella,' 'Peter Pan,' 'Despicable Me' and many more!

McSwain's 'Children's Summer Movie Series' features animated classics

ADA, Okla. – The McSwain Theatre is pleased to present the third annual "Children's Summer Movie Series."

Offering iconic films at an affordable price, the series focuses on providing quality family entertainment in an inviting atmosphere. Equipped with an all-digital projection system and first-class accommodations, The McSwain Theatre is "Oklahoma's Crown Jewel of Entertainment."

The movie series shows every Tuesday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. General admission is available at the McSwain Theatre box office at a reduced rate of \$1 per ticket.

In addition, the McSwain of-

fers a "Kids Kombo," which includes admission, drink and popcorn for \$5.

Beginning June 4 and continuing weekly through August 14, the McSwain will feature 11 first-rate animated films with four show times weekly.

As well as reduced pricing, the McSwain is thrilled to welcome some of the most beloved films

of all time, including classics from Disney and Pixar. Films in the summer series include:

"Peter Pan," "Brave," "Lady and the Tramp," "Ratatouille," "Cinderella," "The Lion King" and "Finding Nemo."

"We are very excited about the changes coming to the McSwain," McSwain general manager Jae L. Stillwell said. "We were pleased to have so many young people out the first week."

Ms. Stillwell and her staff pride themselves on offering the highest satisfaction and

best value for entertainment in the community.

Savings do not stop at the box office! The theatre offers a great variety of concession products at unmatched values.

A "freefill" cup allows patrons to purchase a reusable plastic cup that includes unlimited refills on future visits. Other iconic snack items are available at a fraction of industry averages.

Tickets can be purchased in person at the McSwain Theatre box office or in advance by calling (580) 332-8108.

For more information, visit the McSwain theatre website at www.McSwainTheatre.com



Native American youth to hit links June 8

ARDMORE, Okla. – Native American youth ages 12 to 18 are invited to participate in the Native American Junior Open Golf Tournament. The tournament is slated for Saturday, June 8 at Lakeview Golf Course in Ardmore.

The qualifying tournament allows youngsters and teens to experience a tournament atmosphere qualifying round without the pressure of performing for a school or golf association.

It is also the qualifying tournament for five positions available on Team Chickasaw. Team Chickasaw regularly participates in an annual national tournament as well as various other competitions throughout the year.

Competitors will be split between girls and boys. Medalist play will determine the winner.

Groups will be split by age.

Age divisions for both girls and boys will be 8 to 11; 12 to 15; and 16 to 18.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m., and tee times will be announced at registration.

A \$20 registration fee will be charged to cover green fees, lunch and practice balls on the driving range.

Registration and payment will be accepted at the golf course on tournament day.

Lakeview Golf Club is located at 3905 N. Commerce Street. It features a 6,881-yard challenge from the back tees and is par 71.

For more information, contact Colt Digby or Tonya Bierce at (580) 310-6620, or Brandon Knight at (580) 272-5716.

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Rep. Cole discusses federal disaster aid, Obamacare, debt ceiling at Ada town hall



An animated U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) makes a point while addressing approximately 40 citizens at a town hall meeting May 30 at East Central University in Ada.

ADA, Okla. – U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-Okla.) tackled a variety of weighty political issues at a town hall meeting May 30 at East Central University in Ada.

Rep. Cole, a Chickasaw, fielded questions from an audience of about 40 ranging from the Affordable Care Act – more commonly referred to as Obamacare – to foreign aid to the price of a gallon of gasoline.

Rep. Cole's 4th Congressional District includes Moore, which sustained an estimated \$2 billion in damage from a May 20 tornado that killed 24.

He praised volunteers, first responders, Moore city officials, Gov. Mary Fallin, President Barack Obama and Okla-

homans who rallied to the community of 50,000 to save lives, remove debris and lend a helping hand.

"The president called me directly – and he didn't have to – and told me federal disaster relief would be authorized and if there was anything he could do to assist I could call him any time," Rep. Cole said. "Federal authorities have been directly involved in all aspects of recovery and he certainly has been good to his word."

The six-term representative related a story of a visit with a Moore resident whose home was destroyed. A safe room, installed just three weeks be-

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Time-honored values serve us best in fast-paced world

In our modern society, all types of messages are directed toward us daily.

Today, many people have cellular phones and receive a constant stream of calls, emails and text messages. Portable computers deliver even further messages and information. Even as we drive along a city street or major highway our eyes are directed to a multitude of signs and other devices designed to get our attention.

We receive thousands of pieces of information daily that our brains must process. Many of the messages are minor and not really relevant to us and we mentally discard them. However, some messages are very important and require our thought and our focus.

It's easy in today's world to be caught up in the "busyness" of everyday life. There are so many elements that distract us and move us away from the things that are truly important.

The fundamentals of honor, respect and civility in our lives can be overshadowed by the avalanche of messaging that occurs today. It is important to keep our lives in proper order, and maintain emphasis on those things that are important in life.

Honor is more than simply the outer shell you show the world. Honor, when boiled down, is doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Practicing honorable behavior requires thinking about proper behavior and being prepared for challenging situations. Reinforcing your honorable intentions through



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Governor,
the Chickasaw
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study and reading are great ways to form very good and honorable habits.

Respect means more than simply being polite, although politeness is important. You must give of yourself to help others and work with others to achieve positive goals.

When a person lacks respect for others he is most often seen as self-serving or simply disinterested. All people deserve the opportunity to be heard and counted, and it is the natural human condition to seek affirmation from family, colleagues and others.

Granting respect for

others most often stimulates the return of respect. In a mutually respectful communication or relationship, good things happen.

Civility is an element of life that often seems miss-

ing in our society today. We have all seen on television, listened on radio or read in the newspaper of harsh and uncivil acts by one person or group towards another. The harshness of our communications is often reinforced by what we see, hear and read today in our mass media.

But civility is a great virtue. The exercise of civility most often creates a wonderful environment for good communication. Civil discourse allows for extended discussion and, very often, a positive outcome. No matter the subject or challenge, engaging others in a civil manner can produce terrific outcomes that would not have otherwise occurred.

It is heartening that today's Chickasaw people display respect for our elders. Our elders, having grown up in a time of more simplicity and less "messaging," have much to share with us if we will only take the time to listen. They have the good fortune of long life and have many experiences to share. Slow down, block all the messages for a time, and talk with Chickasaw elders. I guarantee you will be excited and often surprised by what you will learn!

Keeping the time-honored tenets of honor, respect and civility in the forefront of your mind will pay huge dividends, for you, your family and for all with whom you interact. In today's world, it can be very easy to slide into "busyness." Take your time and recall what is truly important in life. That, I believe, is the Chickasaw way.

Bedré Fine Chocolates growing with new plant, marketing approach

Bedré Fine Chocolates sets the standard for quality gourmet chocolates.

Its clients include national retailers such as Neiman Marcus, and Bloomingdale's. The Oklahoma-based company, owned solely by the Chickasaw Nation, is a member of

important state and national business associations. These include the Made in Oklahoma Program, Made by American Indians Trademark and the Oklahoma Minority Supplier Development Council (OMSDC).

The Made In Oklahoma Program began in the late 1980s. Its purpose is to assist companies in promoting their agricultural products that are either grown, produced or manufactured in the state of Oklahoma. The program advocates local and regional economy, a principle that the Chickasaw Nation endorses.

"There is a real sense of community among our Made In Oklahoma Program members,"

explained Julie Fitzgerald of the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. "Members have been known to offer advice and suggestions for improvement of each others' businesses. Whenever someone mentions

Bedré Chocolate in the state of Oklahoma, people recognize the name as a sign of quality."

Companies wishing to benefit from this association must follow a few requirements. Companies agree to visits by the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry to verify compliance of established guidelines. The facilities where products are created must meet all state and federal regulations, including those from the United States Department of Agriculture or other regulatory bodies within the state.

Retailers supported by the Made In Oklahoma Program include grocery stores, restau-

rants and specialty retailers. The gift shop located inside the Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, located on the southwest corner of I-35 and State Highway 7 in Davis, recently was certified as a Made In Oklahoma retailer.

To be certified, the Welcome Center gift shop agreed to display and sell at least four registered Made In Oklahoma products and use signage indicating its Oklahoma affiliation.

Bedré Fine Chocolates also uses and displays the Made/Produced by American Indians Trademark. The trademark identifies products and goods created by federally-recognized tribes. There are currently more than 500 licensed trademark users. Interest in this valued trademark continues to grow as consumers and retailers learn the products that carry this trademark are authentic Native American goods.

As a tribally-owned company, Bedré Fine Chocolates is classified as minority-owned and is a member of the OMSDC. The OMSDC operates as a link between major corporations and minority businesses, with the intent of promoting

business between the two. The OMSDC is one of 37 regional minority purchasing councils

across the country that work to promote minority businesses.

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About Bedré Fine Chocolates

Purchased by the Chickasaw Nation in 2000, Bedré Fine Chocolates employs state-of-the-art machinery to guarantee proper ingredient mix, superior taste and consistent products. Made from the finest ingredients, Bedré distinguishes itself as one of the finest chocolate companies in the nation.

To keep up with demand, the Chickasaw Nation is currently expanding Bedré Fine Chocolates manufacturing facility. The 34,000 square-foot production facility is expected to open

later this year in Davis, Okla. The plant is located next to the new I-35 Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center near Davis.

Bedré has two dedicated retail stores in Davis and Ada. Products can also be ordered online and include gift boxes and baskets, chocolate covered chips, fudge coated corn cones, meltaways and molded milk chocolate bars, among others.

For more information about Bedré or to find the nearest retailer, contact Bedré Fine Chocolates at (580) 369-4200 or visit bedrechocolates.com.



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Lighthouse Police Online Tip Form

Tribe, employees mobilize to assist tornado victims

Hello Chickasaw Citizens, Our thoughts and prayers still go out to those affected by last month's tornados in the Oklahoma cities of Shawnee, Newcastle, Moore, El Reno and the surrounding areas. It is hard to imagine the loss of life including small school children, the damage and complete devastation of homes, schools and businesses.



**CONNIE
BARKER**

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While at work on Monday May 20, 2013, I received numerous emails from the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police communications division warning of the impending dangerous weather. As the day went on, more and more emails were sent out warning citizens and co-workers alike of large super cells that laid a path towards the heart of the Chickasaw Nation. The early warning that went out from the Lighthorse Police undoubtedly saved lives and property by giving those citizens time to seek shelter.

The next day, notices were sent out from the Chickasaw Nation headquarters offering assistance to any citizen who was directly affected by the storm. Knowing that citizens living in the area may be suffering greatly, an outreach program was formed to make contact with those who needed immediate crisis intervention. Chickasaw Nation employees living in that area were contacted by their supervisors inquiring about housing needs, food, clothing and personal effects. Crisis counseling was even offered by the Family Resource Center in Norman. Donation stations were set up in numerous locations within the Chickasaw Nation boundaries for anyone to make a personal or monetary contribution.

The Chickasaw Nation citizens and co-workers are an amazing group of people. During a horrific natural disaster they quickly mobilized their resources to lend a helping hand where it is needed. They offered up donations and monetary contributions and most of all prayed for those who had lost loved ones in the hopes of making their lives better.

The Chickasaw Nation is and will remain a great partner not only to its people but to the State of Oklahoma as a whole.

Thank you citizens for all you do, keep up the good work.

God Bless,

Connie Barker, Pickens District Tribal Legislator

Reunion time allows 'branches' to come together, celebrate

Family Reunion - A gathering of people who are related. At the end of April, I invited all descendants of my grandmother, original enrollee Mary Annetta Collins and her two sisters, Louise Maude and Norma Edith, to spend the weekend at The Inn at Treasure Valley located in Davis, Oklahoma. Many had



**BETH
ALEXANDER**

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never met and one branch had been "MIA" until last summer. This was the first time any of us had gathered as a group. Being a teacher, I approached this as any educator would; I color coded the three groups! Using color-coded name tags was an easy way for identification. It was so rewarding to visit with distance relatives. This was the first time for most of them to visit the sites in the Chickasaw Nation. We wrapped up the weekend in Ninnekah, Oklahoma visiting our enrollees' original home site, land allotments and final resting place. Thank you to the staff at The Inn at Treasury Valley, Capitol and Museum in Tishomingo, White House at

Emet and the Cultural Center in Sulphur. They went above and beyond to take care of our Collins Family Reunion Group!

Summertime is upon us! As well as, mowing season. The Bloomfield School Indian Cemetery Association met at Bloomfield Cemetery and tackled the growth! Why is it that the vegetation within the Cemetery is 3X as thick as the pasture? I almost think it is fertilized. Too bad we can't turn a herd of goats loose in there...It is amazing how much the grass grows, thorn bushes grow extra thick and tree limbs cover the area. The clean up crew did a great job. Plans are pending on when the next cleanup day will be. Feel free to join us on this adventure. To learn more about the Association, contact Mr. DeLloyd Hicks (580) 916-8284. Visit the website at www.bloomfiledsic.webbly.com

In the wake of the tornado tragedy in Moore, Oklahoma, let us not forget to appreciate others and voice positive words to those we come in contact with.

..when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me.

Micah 7:8

The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and He knoweth them that trust in Him. Nahum 1:7

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Artesian, WinStar taking shape, expanding, growing!

Hello, Everybody!

I hope this finds you well and ready for a good summer.

Everyone in the Chickasaw Nation continues to be busy. Lots going on!

The Artesian Hotel in Sulphur is very nearly complete and is booking reservations.



**LINDA
BRIGGS**

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The hotel has been featured on recent television broadcasts and is generating lots of interest and excitement. It is patterned after the original Artesian Hotel which was a favorite location for many of the famous at the time. The original hotel burned to the ground fifty years ago and after the Chickasaws acquired the land was for many years the location of the Chickasaw Motel. It is truly a showplace once again. As surrounding property has become available the Tribe has acquired the property and it is now the site of a beautiful pocket park and other enhancements.

For a number of years I have been the legislative representative on the Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority Board of Directors. When I first started serving in that capacity we handled the electricity in the Tribal headquarters building. Now we handle the electricity for all tribal facilities as well as the water for many of them. Frank Johnson, Sr., is the CEO of the Utility Authority and under his very capable leadership we have grown (and grown!). At the casinos we have huge generators which come on in one second of downed electrical power - a blink is hardly noticed - and it is awesome to see. There are so many success stories within the workings of the Tribe it is always and forever exciting to be Chickasaw!

At Winstar the three towers of the hotels rise on higher and are amazing to see. Also in the Winstar area the apartment complex is taking shape. There will be 252 units initially and a park area will be included in the plan. We have many workers who drive considerable distances to get to work and it is expected the apartments will be a very welcome addition to our Winstar complex.

The arrival of summertime brings on activity at our family park, the Minnie Liddell Park. The park is on my grandmother Minnie Keel Liddell's original allotment land and is her legacy to our family. She set aside 16 acres for the purpose and it is beautiful land with a pond, creek and many large trees. Many improvements have been made over the years including both inside and outside cooking areas, a pavilion with ceiling fans and picnic tables, bathrooms and showers. There is an area at one end of the park where campers put their tents and park their campers that we fondly call "tent city." My niece Dyonne Watson is the director of the park organization and she recently sent a notice there will be a park clean-up work weekend on Memorial Day weekend. Our family does a great job honoring my grandmother and her legacy to us.

In so many ways we are all so blessed to be Chickasaw.

I wish you blessed times and happy days. Take care.

Linda Briggs

Kullihoma a spiritual draw for Chickasaw people

Hello Everybody,
I hope you and yours are doing well. My daughter, Shawna was recently determined to be cancer free! We all want to say thank you for the prayers and positive thoughts. Her healing required as much spiritual support as it did medical attention.



**KATIE
CASE**

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Spirituality is never far from us who live in the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaws have a spiritual connection with the land. It may be as specific as allotment land, a family cemetery or a church. Or, our connection may be as expansive and general as to include the Arbuckle Mountains or Blue River. Some places, Like Kullihoma, are a single word that describes not only a spot on a map, but a spiritual and communal place where the activities of our heritage and culture continue and are preserved.

I recently attended the 2013 Chickasaw Reunion at Kullihoma. Kullihoma is an example, as best we know, of how Chickasaws lived before the time of removal. It is also a communal place where we

gather and gain strength from each other by singing hymns, eating traditional foods, making cornhusk dolls and baskets together, playing stickball, sharing memories and making family connections.

Some also experience a strong sense of spirituality at Kullihoma, complete with individual spirits. I feel a peace of mind, body and soul when I am there. As for individual spirits at Kullihoma, I think of my granddaughter's, Erin, sentiments when asked if she were ever scared at our family cemetery. Erin said, "These sholops are my sholops! I've got nothing to be afraid of, but you might..."

I am fortunate to live in the same general area as Kullihoma. Whenever I am close, I go there. I may drive through, get out and walk around or just sit in the car and get my thoughts together.

Kullihoma's caretaker, Bobby Walker, says, "You would be surprised at how many people do that. They just want to be here."

Some first-time visitors ask where the buildings are. There are just a few. I respond, "Come walk with me". Kullihoma is so much more than the buildings.

If you can, plan on coming to Kullihoma next year. I'd love to see you there!

Respectfully,
Katie



Children learning Stickball at Kullihoma.

Energy programs help Chickasaws across the U.S.

Chukma!
Greetings from the Tishomingo District!
The month of June usually means the traditional beginning of summer and warmer weather.

As temperatures rise and the thermometer soars; so can utility bills.



**TIM
COLBERT**

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Fortunately, the Chickasaw Nation offers several assistance programs to our citizens who live both inside and outside tribal boundaries to help combat high utilities bills and stay safe.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists individuals, who are income eligible, with home heating or cooling bills and/or energy assistance deposits for citizens who live in the Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

The Emergency Energy Assistance Program helps Chickasaw citizens who may have an urgent need for assistance with a gas, propane, electric or water bill, or with utility deposits.

This program is designed for our citizens who live inside the boundaries and are over age 60.

The Elderly Energy Assistance Program provides one-time assistance for winter heating bills

and one-time assistance for summer cooling bills. This program is designed for our citizens over the age of 60 who live outside the boundaries of the Chickasaw Nation.

Owning a home is one of life's greatest goals for many people. The Chickasaw Nation offers help with down payments and closing costs when purchasing a home, to help our citizens reach the goal of home ownership.

The Down Payment, Closing Cost Assistance grant offers a one-time grant to help with the down payment and/or closing cost to purchase or refinance a primary residence. This grant is available to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Chickasaw Nation also offers a home loan program. "Chuka Chukmasi" is also available to our citizens of any income level across the United States.

Home Improvement grants, Handicapped Accessibility grants and other programs are also available to assist our low-income citizens outside the Chickasaw Nation boundaries with needed home repairs and help meet the special needs of our citizens.

The vital Storm Shelter program provides storm shelters for privately owned homes of all Chickasaw citizens.

The Storm Shelter program for our Chickasaw citizens who live outside the Chickasaw Nation service area began in October 2006. This program provides a grant to the citizen and a contractor of their choosing, for the installation of a storm shelter.

The program has no income restrictions.

To date, there have been hundreds of storm shelters provided to Chickasaw families who live in "tornado alley" both inside and outside the traditional Chickasaw Nation boundaries.

We can be thankful of all the programs offered to help make a "house a home" and ensure the comfort, safety and well being of all of our Chickasaw Nation citizens.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

I wish you all a fantastic summer,
Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Best Regards,
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Tribe's education focus paying big dividends!

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, How are you?

Congratulations to all of our Chickasaw graduates! It is important for us to acknowledge the milestones and accomplishments of our people,

from those little ones just completing their pre-school years to those in higher education.

We are very blessed to be part of a great people who value education. Any Chickasaw, regardless of age, who desires to further their education, can receive financial aid from the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Nation provides many ways to help our people be successful in obtaining their degrees. From textbook grants, clothing scholarships, graduation fees, Honor Stoles, laptop scholarships, and many other ways, our Education Services employees are there to help.

This is the time of year when our kids are attending summer

camps. Camps provide many opportunities for our youth to explore new skills, make new friends, and experience new adventures. We have camps for just about every interest and skill level. I hope you all will take advantage of the many educational services that our tribe provides for us.

Congratulations also to our Hall of Fame inductees, Gene Thompson, Betty Kemp, and Colbert Bud Baker! Congratulations to the families of Mr. Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr., and Benson Pikey, who were inducted posthumously. Thank you for your lifetime contributions to our people.

Our hearts and prayers are with our fellow Oklahomans, who have suffered following the recent tornado activity. For those of us wishing to help, there are many ways we can donate our resources or our time volunteering. The Chickasaw Nation has also provided some immediate relief for those who have lost so much.

You can contact our Communications and Outreach Division, (580) 310-6451, or www.chickasaw.net/relief, for more information.

Please let me know if I can help in any way.

Chipisala'cho anowa, Until I see you again,
Nancy

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Elder case manager ready to help you

Are you a Chickasaw Elder age 60 or older? Do you live within the tribal boundaries?

If so, call Stefanie Luna, Elder Case Manager at 800-851-9136 ext. 80110 for personalized assistance navigating the Health System.

Head Start graduations feature future Chickasaw college grads

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. May is an absolutely beautiful month in Oklahoma with its green grass and trees and the colorful flowers of every shape and form. And May is a busy month with Mothers' Day, graduations and senior activities.



MARY JO GREEN

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We Legislators attended the Head Start graduations. It is so gratifying to watch our youngsters graduate from Head Start then grow into high school and college graduates! We observed some of our Chickasaw students receive awards and met teachers and parents who work hard to help those students become all that they can be at the JOM Banquet. We also attended a senior talent show and conference at Winstar.

The Newcastle Community Council met and helped their seniors get coupons for the Farmers' Market. Oklahoma City Community Council had a great meeting with some of the best Pashofa I have eaten in a long time. Two of the Texas Community Councils met together on a Sunday afternoon which was

well attended and fun.

Best of all was the annual Chickasaw Hall of Fame Awards Banquet held at the Showplace Theater at Riverwind Casino. Over 750 attended the gala and if it gets any larger, we might need to move it to another venue. The Hall of Fame Banquet is one of the highlights of the year - right up there with the Chickasaw Festival.

I would like to tell you about a Chickasaw elder who has had an interesting life. Geneva Alexander Holman is a 3/4 Chickasaw and was born December 21, 1928, to Jeff and Mary Jane Shields Alexander at Kullihoma. After her mother passed, she had a good stepmother Elsie Frazier Alexander. She was educated at Kullihoma and Allen schools and married Nathan Johnny Holman in 1952. Geneva has two daughters Ramona Miller and Theresa Holman, both of whom work at the Chickasaw Medical Center. She also has three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Geneva has held several positions in her working career including dishwasher, laundry assistant, assembly line for Western Electric, school bus driver, site manager and cook for the Ada Senior Site. She is perhaps best known for her hot rolls which everyone just loves at the Site. She is a wonderful mother, grandmother and friend. Geneva is very proud of her Chickasaw heritage and was awarded the Chickasaw Silver Feather award several years ago.

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of the *Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you.



Mary Jo Green and Geneva Holman.

Beaded collar class set for June 15

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - A beaded collar class is being offered at the historic Chickasaw Capitol on June 15, from 1-3 p.m.

The class will be limited to 12 adults and participants are encouraged to call ahead and pre-register.

The historic Chickasaw Capitol at 411 W. 9th Street in Tishomingo. Capitol hours are Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information or to pre-register, call (580) 371-9835.

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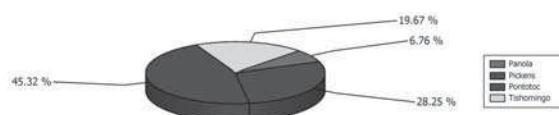
The Chickasaw Nation Legislative Finance Committee will hold a public hearing regarding the Consolidated Tribal Budget for 2014 on June 25, 2013, at the Chickasaw Nation Legislative Building, 801 North Mississippi, Ada, Oklahoma, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget are available for review at the Legislative Office in Ada.

Any Chickasaw citizen may address the Finance Committee at the hearings; provided, the citizen may speak only if he has notified Committee Chair Toby Perkins in writing of his desire to speak and provides an agenda. A citizen may speak for up to 10 minutes. Chickasaw citizens may also present written comments, recommendations, information or questions at those meetings, provided, those written comments are presented to Committee Chair Toby Perkins prior to the hearing's commencement.

The meetings shall be held in accordance with Title 10, Section 10-205 and following of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The Chickasaw Nation Code can be located at www.Chickasaw.net.

Count of Voters by District

Panola	1,958	Pontotoc	13,129
Pickens	8,185	Tishomingo	5,700
		Total	28,972



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Chickasaw Citizen

Chickasaws ages 12 to 18 encouraged to participate in Chickasaw School of Guitar

The Chickasaw School of Guitar is seeking new students. Sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities, the school provides guitar lessons to interested youth, ages 12 to 18.

Classes are free to accepted Chickasaw youth applicants and others as room allows. Classes are available for beginners and intermediate level musicians. The one-hour guitar lessons are for beginners on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. and intermediate at 4 p.m. during the summer months.

Lessons are conducted at the Arts and Humanities building, 201 North Broadway in Ada, Okla.

For applications and information, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

This month on CNTV

· CNTV covers the ribbon cutting for the new Tishomingo health clinic. This state-of-the-art facility marks another great stride in improving health care for all Native Americans.

· We visit a brother and sister who are members of the robotics team. Watch how a sibling rivalry and science and technology play out this month on CNTV.

· The Chickasaw Nation Council House Museum has been hosting a number of arts and crafts events recently. Learn more about this class and others offered by the Chickasaw Nation this month on CNTV.

...and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

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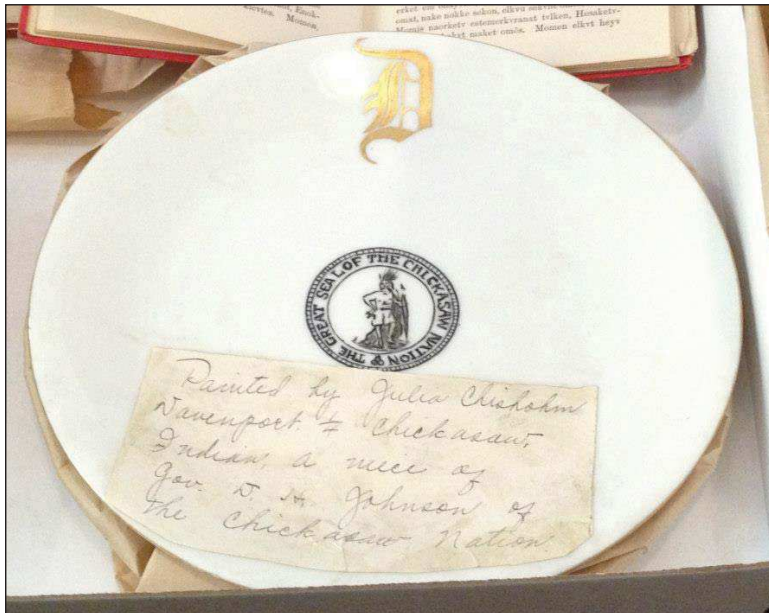
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OKC First Lutheran 'Century Chest'

Historic Chickasaw items discovered in 1913 time capsule



A plate featuring the Chickasaw Nation seal hand-painted by Julia Chisholm Vavenport, a niece of former Chickasaw Nation Gov Douglas H. Johnson.

Looking at old photographs, handling 100-year-old handwritten notes, and discovering what Chickasaw life was like 100 years ago left famed astronaut John Herrington feeling "like a kid in a candy store."

Mr. Herrington, a Chickasaw, took a personal tour of items found in a time capsule recently opened in Oklahoma City. The aptly named "Century Chest" was opened in April. It had been entombed under 12 inches of concrete in the basement of Oklahoma City's First Lutheran Church for the past 100 years.

With great attention to detail and care, the church's Ladies Aide Society had filled the copper chest with items reflecting life in 1913. Among the now-historic mementoes was a pair of women's shoes, a telephone, a pen used by President William McKinley, and even a working phonograph with the original recorded cylinders featuring music and voices of the people.

But for Mr. Herrington, the items he found most intriguing were those featuring the people, dreams and culture of 1913 Chickasaws.

He first went to the Oklahoma History Center to view some genealogical information on the Dawes Commission. He was soon led to the museum's archives where the time capsule items were being documented and reviewed by an Oklahoma Historical Society team. Among the items that struck him was a letter from former Chickasaw Governor William Malcolm Guy.

Sixteen-year-old William Guy entered the Confederate States of America Army and saw extended action during the War Between the States. He was in the Second Battle of Bull Run and Gettysburg, and was severely wounded and taken prisoner in the latter engagement. Elected Chickasaw governor at age 41, he was considered progressive and opposed discriminating policies affecting tribal citizens regarding Indian blood quantum.

"Here's a gentleman, from my tribe, talking about the importance of the education of his people and what he hoped for the next 100 years," Mr. Herrington said. "To be the one to read his words 100 years later was staggering."

Herrington said it was even more poignant knowing that in the letter Guy is hopeful that education will continue to be valued among Chickasaws, and it was being read for the first time since 1913 by a Chickasaw who took advantage of all the education he could. Herrington said the governor couldn't have known 100 years ago that not only would we be sending people into space, but that a Chickasaw was the first Native American in space and the first Chickasaw to read the words he wrote in 1913.

"I feel like it was written to me in some way," Mr. Herrington said as he gently held the letter. "It makes me so very proud."

He found it even more interesting when a poster was unveiled promoting an upcoming civic event in Oklahoma City



"The Lure of the Indian Country and A Romance of its Great Resort" by Oleta Littleheart. The book, written in a pseudo-romance novel style, featured a cover drawing of the original Artesian Hotel in Sulphur.

that would feature the "primitive Indians."

"Isn't that interesting," Mr. Herrington said.

There was another letter in the collection from Chickasaw Gov. Douglas Johnston who wrote of giving up land in Oklahoma for statehood. There was also a copy of the Chickasaw Constitution of 1856 and numerous photographs depicting typical Chickasaw people and families of 1913.

"It really struck me to see pictures of people I have heard so much about," Mr. Herrington said while holding a photograph of the Colbert family. "And to see this really important document (the Chickasaw Constitution) not in a book but the actual document is a remarkable thing to see."

Another time capsule artifact was a book called "The Lure of the Indian Country and A Romance of its Great Resort" by Oleta Littleheart. The book, written in a pseudo-romance novel style, featured a drawing of the old Artesian Hotel in Sulphur on the cover.

Other Chickasaw-related items in the time capsule included a plate painted by Gov. Johnston's niece Julia Davenport.

Mr. Herrington also enjoyed reading a few prophecies written by community leaders of the time. A banker envisioned mail that would be delivered electronically rather than through the post. Another predicted the women's suffrage movement would result in equal rights for women and that by 2013 there would be



Chickasaw citizen John Herrington reads a 1913 letter written by former Chickasaw Nation Gov. William Malcolm Guy.

full equality.

William D. Welge, director of American Indian culture and preservation office for the Oklahoma Historical Society, said the dozens of artifacts in the chest truly reflected society of 1913.

"We were all blown away by the detail and the presentation," Welge said. "Items were all stacked and neatly presented."

Tara Damron, the assistant curator of American Indian collections at the Oklahoma History Center, said the women who coordinated this project in 1913 did an amazing job of planning and preservation.

"On the outside of every wrapped package was a handwritten note of what was inside the package," she said. "They listed names, dates, places, everything we would want to know. They made our job of cataloging and identifying items and people much easier."

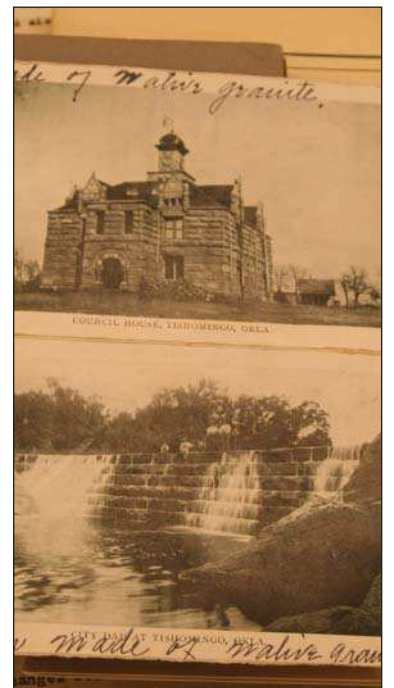
Each year, church members would take an oath not to open the chest until April 22, 2013. Now, the church will prepare another time capsule to be opened on April 22, 2114

– probably using the same copper container.

Welge said it is the intent of the historical society to exhibit the items later this year.

"I could be here all day looking at these things," Mr. Herrington said.

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A time capsule postcard showing the historic Chickasaw capitol at Tishomingo and the dam on Blue River. Both structures, the card says, were made of the same natural granite.

Home destroyed in May 19 tornado

Chickasaw citizen, husband vow to rebuild home after tornado

NORMAN, Okla. – Stories of tragedy, heartbreak, loss, plus a determined spirit to rebuild lives and homes destroyed by Oklahoma tornadoes, filled the room at the Chickasaw Nation Disaster Recovery Relief Center at Riverwind Casino in Norman.

As of Sunday, May 27, more than 500 people – including Chickasaw citizens and employees – had received assistance from the Chickasaw Nation. Lives were forever changed by the EF5 tornado that struck Moore, the EF4 tornado which swept through Shawnee and the EF5 tornado that hit the El Reno area.

Russ and Janet Robbins Page were two of the many who arrived at the relief center seeking help, direction and a sym-

pathetic ear from Chickasaw Nation employees who staffed the relief effort.

Mrs. Page is a Chickasaw citizen. She sat down at a long table, visibly stunned. She began completing paperwork required to begin the process of rebuilding her home near Prague, Okla. It had been destroyed May 19 by the first of a series of tornadoes that would ravage central Oklahoma.

Her husband, Russ Page, a teacher and Vietnam War veteran, was more light-hearted – yet still amazed – at the sheer power that left them homeless on May 19.

Living in a LaQuinta Inn in Shawnee, Okla., with the few belongings there were able to salvage, Mr. Page praised the Chickasaw Nation, Prague resi-

dents, county officials and the First Baptist Church of Prague. All those entities, he said, were helping he and his wife financially, as well as with cleanup work.

“The county said if we could just get our debris to the bar ditch they would remove it,” Mr. Page said while visiting with Chickasaw Nation Housing representative Bill Bean. When Mr. Bean pulled up a satellite image of what once was the Page home, Mr. Page didn’t hesitate to declare, “We’re gonna rebuild.”

Many volunteers, Mr. Page said, have helped them clean up.

“A lot of people are asking if we live in the Prague Bermuda Triangle,” Mr. Page said.

It marks the second time in



Russ Page points out his home location to Bill Bean of Chickasaw Nation Housing. Mr. Page and his wife, Janet Robbins Page, a Chickasaw, lost their Prague home in the May 19 tornado.

recent memory the Pages have been affected by tornadoes.

Note: Many Chickasaw citizens and employees were assisted by the tribe following

the recent tornadoes. This story highlights one of the couples who received assistance.

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tions began storm relief operations, the Chickasaw Nation joined the effort.

The tribe volunteered assistance through a variety of relief efforts, including helping in the operation of emergency shelters, delivering hot food to victims and relief workers, establishing donation collection sites and hosting blood drives.

“These tragic events have touched thousands of Oklahoma families, including many Chickasaw families,” Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. “We have moved as quickly as possible to mobilize our tribe’s resources to give all aid possible to the victims.”

A number of Chickasaw Nation employees volunteered with operation of the Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery command center, open daily from Thursday, May 23 through Tuesday, May 28.

The command center staff offered information to citizens, employees and other members of the general public on what services are available through all agencies in the area, as well as the best method for accessing those services. The Chickasaw Nation provided temporary housing assistance, medication and transportation services to a number of citizens and employees who requested service.

Computers were available to citizens, employees and other members of the general public who were able to fill out online application forms to request assistance.

Many more employees and citizens volunteered to assist with cleanup efforts in hard hit Moore, Shawnee and, later, El Reno. Other volunteers pitched in to help with storm relief efforts of the Red Cross, Salvation Army, United Way and other organizations.

The Chickasaw Nation made financial contributions to these organizations and continues to work closely with them to assist in ongoing recovery efforts.

Efforts continue to reach out directly to Chickasaw citizens and employees who found themselves, their homes and personal property in the path of the tornadoes.

Social media sites, websites, telephone calls, written fliers, direct contact and other means at the tribe’s disposal have been used to reach out to Chickasaw citizens.

Citizens and employees are being encouraged to call the Chickasaw Nation if they have immediate needs or know another citizen or employee who has been affected. Several phone numbers are posted on

the Chickasaw Nation website.

The numbers for Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery are (855) 389-1740 (toll free) and (580) 310-6451. Those who may be in need of crisis counseling are encouraged to contact the Family Resource Center in Norman at (405) 767-8944 or Julie Barcher at the Oklahoma City Area Office at (405) 767-8972.

The Storm Relief Command Center at Riverwind Casino in Norman completed its tasks on May 28, but the EF5 El Reno tornado struck May 31 and the phones continue to be manned. Chickasaw citizens and employees still have the ability to obtain needed help by phoning the numbers listed above.

Newcastle Casino prepared food and delivered to first responders in the field. Remington Park restaurants prepared and delivered food to first responders at the Incident Command Center. Newcastle, Remington and Riverwind, plus Salt Creek and Washita, are all Chickasaw Nation-owned and operated.

Riverwind Casino restaurants prepared and delivered food to the Journey Church Shelter.

Remington Park as well as Riverwind, Newcastle and Salt Creek Casinos hosted blood

drives which were already scheduled as part of the Oklahoma Blood Institute Casino week.

Riverwind, Salt Creek and Washita casinos are collecting donations for distribution to the Red Cross and other local organizations as needed.

Remington Park also set up a 24-hour collection center for donations.

The death toll from storms on May 31, which primarily struck the El Reno area, stood at 18. Three of the deaths were of seasoned storm chaser. Five Oklahoma children were among those killed May 31. Nine children lost their lives

in the May 20 Moore tornado when the elementary school they were attending took a direct hit from the estimated EF5 tornado. An EF5 tornado is the strongest tornado listed on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, with winds which may exceed 300 miles per hour.

Volunteer Efforts

To learn more about available resources and ways you can help, visit www.chickasaw.net/relief.

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Geospatial team maps path of tornadoes

Immediately following the May 20 Moore tornado, the Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial information team used its mapping technology to help locate Chickasaw citizens and employees who were affected by the recent tornadoes.

Utilizing state-of-the-art technology, the team determined the size and location of the tornadoes’ path, then used that information to create maps showing the location of homes of citizens and employees which were affected by the

storms.

Satellite images taken before and after the tornadoes were used to help pinpoint the location of affected homes.

The map was used to supply a complete database of affected citizens and employees to the emergency management team, including staff at the storm relief command center.

More information regarding the Chickasaw Nation GeoSpatial operation will be included in upcoming issues of *the Chickasaw Times*.

'Shining Stars' honored for dedication

Elders recognized for volunteer efforts; perform for talent show



Chickasaw elders Charles Trammell and Jerry Watkins play classic songs, such as "He Stopped Lovin' Her Today" and "Folsom Prison Blues," at the elders' talent show.

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Nation elders gathered to honor peers selected for their contributions of time and effort during the volunteer awards ceremony April 24 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

Seniors from Chickasaw Nation senior sites in Achille, Ada, Ardmore, Connerville, Duncan, Kullihoma, Madill,

Oklahoma City, Panola, Pauls Valley, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo who volunteered in the past year were acknowledged for giving their time.

Award certificates and gift certificates were given for six categories of volunteer service: 0-24 hours, 25-99 hours, 100-199 hours, 200-299 hours, 300-399 hours and 500+ hours.

"Shining Stars" were also rec-



"Shining Stars" received awards for outstanding volunteerism. The Shining Stars are, front row from left, Juanita Hanna, Bonnie Watkins, Donnel Somers, James Dodson, Stormy Bryant, Bob Leverett, Retha Nichols and Carol Stout. Back row from left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation Aging executive officer Karen Cook, and Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner.

ognized during the ceremony. One volunteer from each senior center was nominated to receive the cherished award.

Those receiving Shining Star awards included Carol Stout, Ada; Retha Nichols, Ardmore; Lilly Wisdom, Connerville; Bob Leverett, Duncan; Butch "Elmo" North, Kullihoma; Ron Murray, Madill; Stormy Bryant, Oklahoma City; James Dodson,

Panola; Donnel Somers, Pauls Valley; Bonnie Watkins, Purcell; Juanita Hanna, Sulphur; and Flora Fink, Tishomingo.

Immediately following the awards ceremony, Chickasaw Nation Aging hosted an elders' talent show at the McSwain Theatre in Ada. Chickasaw elders performed a variety of skits, dances and songs, much to the delight of the crowd.

The Chickasaw Nation strives to provide the best service and care for its elders through various programs and services specifically designed for their use. For more information, please contact the division on aging at (580) 795-9790 or aging@chickasaw.net.

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Lighthorse SWAT team places in state competition



Chickasaw Lighthorse Police Department SWAT team members are, from left, Cpl. Clint Sutton with K-9 Lena, officer Justin Smith, officer Michael Holloway, Lt. Gary W. Dodd, officer Terrance Bush, officer Andy Hill, officer Jose Ramirez and Cpl. Terry Laxton with K-9 Bako. Not pictured is officer Jeremy Spradlin.

An old adage states, "Nothing succeeds like success."

For the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse Police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team, that meant a third-place finish

in state competition conducted recently at the Oklahoma City Gun Range. Lighthorse has competed several times since 2007. On May 3, the team brought home the honor.

Tulsa and Norman SWAT teams finished first and second, respectively. Overall, Lighthorse bested Owasso, Stillwater, Enid, Duncan and the Oklahoma County Sher-

iff's Department in the competition.

"(the competition) is a way for us to hone our skills to better ourselves," Lighthorse Police SWAT team leader Lt. Gary Dodd said. "It is also about networking with other departments to build relations between communities both inside and outside the Chickasaw Nation."

This year's competition was hosted by Edmond Police, who finished first last year in the competition which features several components for scoring. Components include hostage rescue, an obstacle course, sniper prowess, and proficiency with three types of weapons: pistol, carbine and shotgun.

Scores were averaged in all phases of competition. This

year, approximately 100 officers competed.

Lighthorse officers prepare monthly with physical, tactical and shooting training. The team is open to any Lighthorse officer with two years of law enforcement training or equivalent military training. Participation is also based on performance of daily duties, physical requirements and weapons qualification.

Members of the squad include Lt. Dodd, Cpls. Clinton Sutton and Terry Laxton, both of the K-9 and explosive ordinance unit, and officers Justin Smith, Terrace Bush, Andy Hill, Jose Ramirez, Michael Holloway and Jeremy Spradlin.

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'Spirit of a Nation' focus of Dynamic Women conference



Ellen Brooker delivers the keynote address during the 2013 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum at the McSwain Theatre in Ada, Okla. Mrs. Brooker was 2012 Dynamic Woman of the Year.

ADA, Okla. - "Spirit of a Nation" was the theme of the 2013 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum. The conference and forum were at the McSwain Theatre in Ada on April 18.

The conference presented five inspiring sessions and keynote speaker 2012 Dynamic Woman of the Year Ellen Brooker. Mrs. Brooker is an Outstanding American Teacher award recipient, winning grant writer, department chair and respected history teacher and social studies department chair at Southwest High School in San Antonio, Texas. She was

recently chosen to participate in the Library of Congress Teaching with Primary Sources Summer Teacher Institute.

During her keynote address Mrs. Brooker spoke on innovations in education and provided teaching examples from her classroom.

"Students need to realize their potential no matter what their level," Mrs. Brooker said. "I feel it is necessary for students to see they can learn and make a contribution to any activity no matter how important they feel that contribution might be."

Session speakers included

owner and consultant of Homahota Consulting, LLC Dr. Traci Morris, Chickasaw poet Rebecca Travis, Chickasaw Nation writer-in-residence Linda Hogan and Fred Jones Museum of Native American Art James T. Bialac Assistant Curator Heather Ahtone.

The afternoon session featured a roundtable discussion with Henderson County Deputy Fire Marshall Lavita Shaffer; U.S. Indian Health Service health information management consultant Angela Kihega and Chickasaw Nation curator of the Chickasaw White House Glenda Galvan. East Central University adjunct professor Laura Marshall Clark served as moderator.

The Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Forum, hosted by Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities and East Central University Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Studies Course, followed the conference. Panelists included executive director of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program for the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians, Jessica Imotichey; Chickasaw poet Rebecca Travis; Chickasaw Nation Medical Center employee Wendy Harrison; and Fred Jones

Museum of Native American Art James T. Bialac Assistant

Curator Heather Ahtone.

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Nominations sought for 2013 Dynamic Woman of the Year

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2013 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities by Aug. 2, 2013.

Established in 2006, the award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the Nation, served as role-models to other Chickasaw women and who have made a difference in the lives of Chickasaws and other citizens, enriching their communities and society at large.

The Dynamic Woman of the Year Award salutes the contributions that the recipient has made to improving and enhancing the lives of those around her, her professional accomplishments and her dedication to preserving the cultural heritage of the Chickasaw Nation.

Only Chickasaw women, ages

35 and older, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation Citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) are eligible. Women who are currently serving as a Chickasaw elected official or in an appointed position of the Executive Branch are not eligible.

Women who are considered for this award are those who are distinguished and are pioneers in their professional field; those who have championed other women and women's issues; and those who exemplify and uphold Chickasaw values, culture and traditions.

The honoree will receive her award at the Chickasaw Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony in conjunction with the Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival.

For a nomination form or more information, please contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Chickasaw Press launches White Dog Press

The Chickasaw Press has launched a secondary imprint, White Dog Press.

White Dog Press allows the Chickasaw Press to build upon its mission of "preserving, perpetuating and providing an awareness of Chickasaw history and culture" by embracing popular genres and creative projects that do not fit under the umbrella of research and scholarship.

The mission of White Dog Press, Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Culture and Humanities Lisa John said, is to create products for all ages that entertain and educate.

"We plan to increase awareness of Chickasaw culture and history while being true to our primary mission of enhancing the quality of life of Chickasaw citizens," Mrs. John said.

White Dog Press provides a vehicle for the Chickasaw

Press to further share the history, culture, and experiences of the Chickasaw people.

The literary categories of historical fiction, children's books, young-adult literature, how-to books, travel writing, creative or narrative non-fiction, poetry, and memoirs are considered for publication.

Just as the white dog in the Chickasaw migration story



White Dog Press logo

The White Dog (ofi' tohbi') was a sacred scout for the Chickasaw during the great migration. He would explore the area ahead of the group,

served as a guide for our Chickasaw ancestors as they made their way to a new

homeland, White Dog Press is committed to blazing a trail in the publishing industry. White Dog will support authors in generating quality publications that captures the experiences, culture, and history of the Chickasaw people.

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alerting them to danger.

The White Dog serves as a symbol from the past that gives us hope for a bright future.

Mini drum and story time session set for June 11 at Chickasaw Tribal Library in Ada

ADA, Okla. - A mini drum and story time is set for Tuesday, June 11 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Chickasaw Tribal Library in Ada. The class is free and open to the public. Class size is limited to 10.

The library provides information on culture and history of the Five Civilized Tribes through books, journals, periodicals, CDs, DVDs, video and

audio materials. Children's books, fiction and non-fiction books, and computer and internet access are available for patrons.

The tribal library is at 1003 Chamber Loop Rd., Ada, and is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call (580) 310-6477.

Pine needle basket class scheduled for June 22

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - A pine needle basket class is set for June 22 from 1-3 p.m. at the Council House Museum in Tishomingo.

The class will be limited to 12 adults and participants are encouraged to call ahead and pre-register.

The Council House Museum

includes artifacts tracing the history and culture of the Chickasaw people, contemporary Chickasaw artworks, a gift shop and many more. The Council House Museum is at 209 North Fisher.

For more information or to pre-register, call (580) 371-3351.

Chickasaw couple serving U.S. in Interior Department posts



ELIZABETH WASHBURN

A young Chickasaw couple is serving the country in key government roles in Washington, D.C.

Kevin and Elizabeth Rodke Washburn, both Chickasaw legal scholars, have been named to important U.S. Department of Interior posts.

Most recently, President Barack Obama appointed Elizabeth Washburn, 43, Deputy Commissioner for External and Intergovernmental Affairs at Interior's Bureau of Reclamation, a federal agency dedicated to manage, develop and protect national water resources.

The presidential appointment was made May 6.

Mrs. Washburn will oversee Reclamation's Congressional, legislative and public affairs

activities.

She is also responsible for the bureau's national relationships with federal, state and local governments, as well as citizen organizations and other nongovernmental groups.

Mrs. Washburn will focus on relationship building and outreach to other entities including state and local governments and Indian tribes.

"I serve as a conduit to people wanting to work with Reclamation," she said.

She also oversees a communications and Congressional relations team.

Mrs. Washburn said she was "very honored" to be selected by the President.

"It's humbling an exciting," she said. "This president is appointing more Indians to positions not traditionally held by Indians (because) Indians have skills the administration wants to highlight and put in key positions."

Mrs. Washburn said she appreciated the support of the Chickasaw Nation throughout her career.

"I have felt complete support from Gov. Anoatubby and the entire Chickasaw Nation," she said.

Prior to joining Reclamation, Mrs. Washburn served as state director for U.S. Sen. Jeff Bingaman (D-N.M.) in Albuquerque

from March 2012 to January 2013. She also served as Sen. Bingaman's legislative counsel in 2001 and 2002.

She has previously served as director of communications and external relations for the Udall Foundation in Tucson, Ariz. She has also served as a Department of the Interior attorney. A past legislative advisor for the Chickasaw Nation, she has also worked privately as an attorney with a focus on issues relating to American Indian law and water law.

Mrs. Washburn received her juris doctor from the University of New Mexico School of Law, her master's degree in government from Texas Woman's University and her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Oklahoma.

Kevin Washburn was nomi-

nated by President Obama last year to serve as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs, Department of Interior.

Confirmed in September 2012, Mr. Washburn is the second Chickasaw in recent years to lead the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Chickasaw Neal McCaleb led the BIA from July 2001 to November 2002.

Mr. Washburn most recently served as dean of the University of New Mexico School of Law since June 2009. In addition to his duties as dean, he taught gaming and criminal law classes. He taught at the University of Arizona, University of Minnesota and Harvard law schools.

President Obama said in a statement that Mr. Washburn had "demonstrated knowledge and dedication throughout" his

career, and that he is grateful he has chosen to take on this role.

Before Mr. Washburn's career in academia, he was National Indian Gaming Commission general counsel from 2000 to 2002, and was an Assistant U.S. Attorney in New Mexico from 1997 to 2000. He worked as a trial attorney in the Indian Resources Section of the U.S. Department of Justice from 1994 to 1997.

Mr. Washburn received his bachelor's degree from the University of Oklahoma and a juris doctor from Yale Law School.

The Washburns live in Maryland with their two sons, Colbert, 10, and eight-year-old Ford.

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Reclamation Bureau focuses on Western U.S. water

generation.

Currently, the Bureau is the largest wholesaler of water in the country. It brings water to more than 31 million people, and provides one in five Western farmers with irrigation water for 10 million acres of farmland, which produce 60 percent of the nation's vegetables and 25 percent of its fruits and nuts.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation is a federal agency under the U.S. Department of Interior.

The Bureau oversees water resource management, specifically as it applies to the oversight and operation of the diversion, delivery, and storage projects that it has built throughout the western United States for irrigation, water supply, and hydroelectric power

The Bureau is also the second largest producer of hydroelectric power in the Western United States.

The mission of the Bureau of Reclamation is to manage, develop, and protect water and related resources in an environmentally and economically sound manner in the interest of the American public.

Chickasaw named 'American Indian Woman of the Year' by Native group



NICOLE WALLS

NEWKIRK, Okla. - Nicole Schultz Walls, of Ada, Okla., was recently named "American Indian Woman of the Year" by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. The award is given to an outstanding American Indian woman who has devoted exceptional time and effort to the Native American community.

The award was presented May 3 at a statewide ceremony in Newkirk.

"I am very honored to be recognized with this award," Mrs. Walls said. "I am also proud to be part of the OFIW, whose members work tirelessly on behalf of Indian women throughout the state through advocacy efforts, community service

projects and statewide awareness of issues important to Native American women. I look forward to continuing to be part of the organization, and I appreciate the support and recognition of its members."

Mrs. Walls serves as OFIW president, the youngest president in the organization's history. She cited the group's recent Youth Conference and Women's Conference focusing on Native American women as highlights of her service with the group. She will serve as president until July, and will then continue as a member of the organization's board.

A native of Ada, she is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma where she earned

a bachelor's degree in journalism. She currently serves on the Native American Journalist Association's national election committee.

Mrs. Walls graduated from Leadership YOUniversity through the Ada Chamber of Commerce this year. She works for Chickasaw Nation Communications and Outreach in the Public Affairs office.

She is a former Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma, director of Miss and Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma in 2009-11, August 2012 Yakkookay! Chickasaw Nation Employee of the Month, recipient of the Te Ata Thompson Fisher Culinary Arts Award in the Chickasaw Nation Employee Art Show, and has re-

ceived the Chickasaw Nation Communications Community Involvement Award for the past two years.

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Chief Baker mentioned during his report to the council that the Cherokee Nation planned to commit the next \$100 million in business revenues to health care. Chief Baker also mentioned that when he was a member of the Cherokee Council in 1995, "we fussed for three weeks about what to do with \$1 million of discretionary funds."

Governor Bill Anoatubby placed the comments into historical context when he noted that only 15 years ago, the tribes had only a fraction of the revenue that is now available.

"Our businesses are doing really well," said Gov. Anoatubby, adding that the Chickasaw Nation had record profits in recent months. "It is our responsibility to be good stewards of that revenue. We have more than 12,000 employees and operate more than 200 programs and services designed to help achieve our mission of enhancing the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people."

Other members of the

council agreed that growth in revenue is accompanied by an increased responsibility to be good stewards of that revenue.

Choctaw Chief Greg Pyle said that economic development efforts have enabled the Choctaw Nation to make great strides in health care to enhance the quality of life and education programs to help develop leaders for the future.

Gov. Anoatubby also mentioned health care as a

"Health is one of the most important things we can do," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Earlier this year, we opened a state-of-the-art health clinic in Tishomingo that is more than four times the size of the original clinic. It is quite an improvement. We have more equipment and more staff, so we can offer more services than before."

Other health initiatives mentioned include the Chickasha House in Ada and the transitional living facility in Pauls Valley. The Chickasha House will offer a place of rest for families of patients who travel to receive care at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada.

"While we always strive to provide state-of-the-art medical care, it is also important to think of the family who come to visit," Gov. Anoatubby

said. "The Chickasha House is designed to offer a friendly, home-like environment for family members of patients in

the medical center."

Another new facility opened recently, the transitional living facility in Pauls Valley, will help families address challenges of adolescents who may be dealing with emotional or substance abuse issues.

"Occasionally, as we all know, some of our youth may start heading down the wrong path," Gov. Anoatubby said. "This vision for this program and this facility is to help cultivate and nourish the four pillars of Chickasaw health – body, mind, spirit and culture." Gov. Anoatubby also said that the Chickasaw Nation is continuing to invest business funds to increase revenue.

"We have been making a significant investment in tourism in Murray County,"

InnovationOne.

The Chickasaw Nation acquired InnovationOne in 2004, when the company's previous owner announced its plan to close the facility. Since then, the plant has diversified and grown its portfolio of customers to more than 50 large companies, supporting major industries such as airport baggage, distribution centers, oilfields, and military and federal clients.

During meetings of the Intertribal council, it is standard practice for each of the leaders of the five tribes to make a brief presentation of recent achievements, which often include health care, education, elder services, housing and economic development, among others.

*"We are working hard to offer
a wide variety of tourism opportunities
to draw people to the area."*

Gov. Bill Anoatubby

Gov. Anoatubby said, adding that the Chickasaw Cultural Center, the Bedré Fine Chocolates factory, Welcome Wenter and Artesian Hotel are all parts of the investment.

"We are working hard to offer a wide variety of tourism opportunities to draw people to the area," he said.

The Chickasaw Nation, Gov. Anoatubby said, has been very intentional in its efforts to develop the tourism potential of the area.

"We hope to open the Artesian Hotel in mid July," he said. "I hope we can have it ready for the next intertribal council."

"We also purchased a facility in the area called the Lifestyle Center of America, where many people came to improve their health. We are turning that into a retreat and conference center with all the amenities people need when they are trying to improve their health."

Business diversification is an important aspect of the Chickasaw Nation effort to be good stewards of resources.

Chickasaw Nation Industries recently broke ground on a 10,000 square-foot expansion of its manufacturing plant in Marietta, Oklahoma,

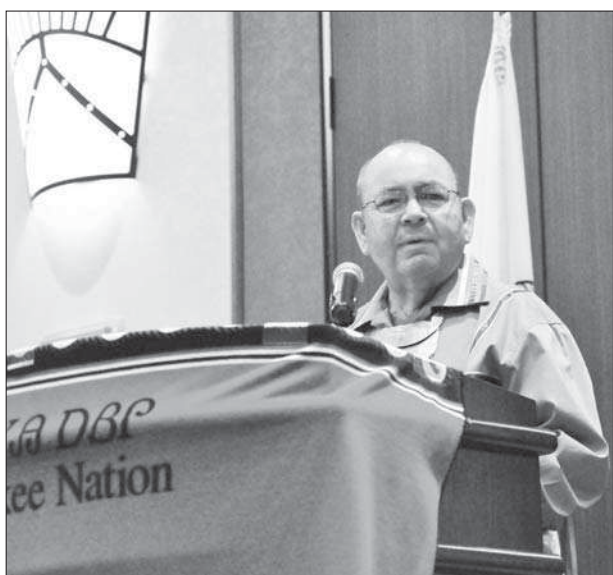
Similarly, many of the resolutions passed during the May meeting of the Intertribal Council established committees to enable members of the council to share best practices and cooperate to enhance capabilities in those areas.

The council established standing committees for tourism, environmental protection, aging and elders services, transportation, Indian Child Welfare.

Resolutions were also passed supporting reauthorization of the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA) and support of including the Dallas-Fort Worth area for Housing and Urban Development 184 Native American home loan programs.

A resolution was also passed expressing the council's opposition to House Bill 1066, which would amend the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. That legislation would expand the definition of "Indian" to include many individuals who are not members of federally-recognized tribes.

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Gov. Bill Anoatubby speaks at Intertribal Council in May.

high priority. He specifically mentioned the recent opening of the health clinic in Tishomingo as an example.

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Tribe takes RedBud Awards for tourism promotions

OKLAHOMA CITY - The Chickasaw Nation was honored in May for the tribe's excellence in tourism promotion.

The tribe received the RedBud Award for "Best Brochure or Publication" for its print promotion of the Chickasaw Cultural Center and its ChickasawKids.com coloring book. The tribe also won "Best Social Media Campaign" for its "Chickasaw Country" promotions.

A Merit Award was received for "Best Website" for ChickasawCountry.com.

The RedBud Awards is an annual event recognizing Oklahoma tourism attractions, convention and visitor bureaus, chambers of commerce, ad agencies, event managers and regional marketing organizations for their efforts promoting Oklahoma's tourism industry.

This year's RedBud Awards were May 6 at the Oklahoma History Center.

All entries are evaluated by independent judges based on customer service, marketing

effectiveness, media relations, variety of audiences reached, value, and overall creativity.

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The Chickasaw Nation received a Merit Award at the RedBud Awards for Best Website for www.ChickasawCountry.com. From left, Discover Oklahoma host Jennifer Reynolds; Chickasaw Nation Director of Tourism Paige Williams and Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb.



The Chickasaw Nation received the 2013 RedBud Award for Best Brochure or Publication for the Chickasaw Cultural Center and www.ChickasawKids.com coloring book. From left, Discover Oklahoma host Jennifer Reynolds; Chickasaw Cultural Center executive officer Valorie Walters; Chickasaw Nation Marketing Manager Shelly Miller and Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb.



The Chickasaw Nation received the 2013 RedBud Award for Best Social Media Campaign for Chickasaw Country. From left, Discover Oklahoma host Jennifer Reynolds, Kym Koch of Koch Communications, Chickasaw Nation Director of Tourism Paige Williams, Chickasaw Country blogger Lindsey Long and Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb.

Grants and scholarship deadline June 15

Chickasaw students wishing to receive higher education grants and scholarships for the 2013 summer semester must apply by June 15.

Students participating in an undergraduate, graduate or doctoral program from an accredited college are eligible to receive assistance through a number of grants and scholarship programs provided by the Chickasaw Nation.

Grants and scholarships assist part-time and full-time students with tuition, books and fees.

Applicants must complete a Programs, Grants and Scholarship Application and provide an official high school or college transcript and schedule of classes.

Applications are available at <http://services.chickasaw.net> or by calling (580) 421-7711.

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Press accepting nominations for Heritage Preservation Awards

The Chickasaw Press is accepting nominations for the 2013 Chickasaw Nation Heritage Preservation Awards for authors documenting Chickasaw history and culture. Authors of previously unpublished doctoral dissertations, master's theses, articles, and book manuscripts dealing with some aspect of Chickasaw heritage are eligible for the awards.

Nominations are accepted for best unpublished article, best master's thesis, best doctoral dissertation and best unpublished manuscript.

The best unpublished article will be published in *the Chickasaw Historical Society Journal*, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend. The best master's thesis will receive a visiting scholar fellowship, lec-

ture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend. The best doctoral dissertation will be awarded a visiting scholar fellowship, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend. The best unpublished manuscript will receive The Holisso Award, publication by the Chickasaw Press, lecture at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and \$2,000 research stipend.

"This awards program encourages and inspires authors to expand the scope of knowledge of our tribe's history,

heritage and culture," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said.

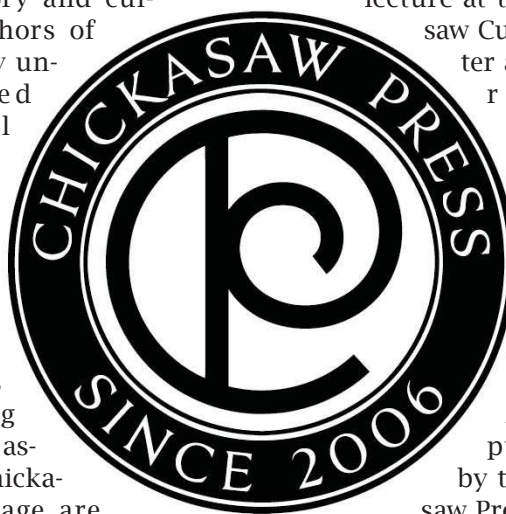
Heritage Preservation Awards will be presented to winners during the Chickasaw Annual Meeting Arts and Culture Awards Ceremony.

To be eligible for consideration, works in each category must deal specifically with some aspect of Chickasaw history and culture. Moreover, the works must be documented, either through the use of footnotes, endnotes or a listing of sources. Nominations must include two copies of the book manuscript, dissertation, thesis, or unpublished article being nominated. Entries should be submitted to Wiley Barnes, Chickasaw Press Director, 124 East 14th Street, Ada, OK 74820.

Deadline for receipt of nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, August 16, 2013.

For information, call (580) 436-7282.

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Chickasaw Press logo

The Southwestern spiral motif is an ancient shell engraving symbol that represents a journey or life cycle. The logo

is graphic, institutional, unique and represents the status of the Chickasaw Press as a historical and academic entity.

Betty Kemp, Gene Thompson, Colbert Baker, Benson Pikey, Thomas Thompson newest members

Five inducted into Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame for 2013



Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, with 2013 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee Betty Ruth Kemp.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel with 2013 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee Gene "Nashoba" Thompson.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel with 2013 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee Colbert Latimer "Bud" Baker, Jr.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel with Betty Smith, descendant of Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee Benson Pikey.



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel with Taloowa' Thorpe and Gene "Nashoba" Thompson, descendants of 2013 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr.

NORMAN, Okla. - A protector of tribal archives, a generous philanthropist, a decorated military hero, an early Chickasaw official and a progressive Chickasaw rancher and politician comprise the 2013 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Hall of Fame ceremonies were Tuesday, May 7 at Riverwind Showplace Theater in Norman.

The 2013 Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees are Betty Ruth Kemp, of Norman; Colbert Lat-

imer "Bud" Baker, of Marco Island, Fla.; Gene "Nashoba" Thompson, of Austin, Texas; Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr.; and Benson Pikey.

Mr. Thompson and Mr. Pikey were inducted posthumously.

Governor Bill Anoatubby participated in the 2013 induction ceremonies.

"Each of our inductees, past and present, have brought honor to the Chickasaw Nation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "They are an inspiration to all of us. They prove with hard work,

determination and perseverance anything is possible. They prove an ordinary person can do extraordinary things."

Betty Ruth Kemp

Betty Ruth Kemp has dedicated her life and career to protecting and preserving ancient archives and serving as a modern day Chickasaw conduit between the Southeastern homelands and Oklahoma.

Miss Kemp was born May 5, 1930 near Tishomingo, Okla., to Raymond Herrell Kemp and Mamie Melvina Hughes. Her paternal grandparents were Joel Carr Kemp and Elizabeth Minerva Perry, and her maternal grandparents were Austin Brittie Hughes and Mamie Cravatt. Her great-grandmother was Mariah Colbert.

Miss Kemp began her career in 1952 as an extra loan librarian with the University of Texas Library. She later worked as the librarian at Dallas Public Library and lead manager for two new branches from 1956 to 1964. After receiving her master's degree, she was appointed Director of Cherokee Regional Library, a three-county regional library with headquarters

in Lafayette, Walker County, Georgia.

She led a successful campaign for passage of a bond issue to construct a new 18,000 square-foot headquarters library.

Motivated by a drive to appreciate her Chickasaw heritage and encouraged by library users and local history buffs, Miss Kemp organized the Walker County Historical and Genealogical Society during this time.

In 1974, she was appointed director of the Lee-Itawamba Library System, in Tupelo, Mississippi. During her 18-year tenure as director, the library budget increased from \$50,000 to \$800,000 and the staff of eight increased to 25.

"Betty Kemp forged a vital connection between Chickasaws in Oklahoma and our ancestral homeland," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Her research has led to many enriching experiences and insights into our past. Her accomplishments within the library system ensure that future generations will be able to discover a passion for research just as she

did."

The Northeast Mississippi Historical and Genealogical Society and the Friends of Lee County were both organized under her direction. She helped raise funds for the renovation of the Lee County Library when a Chickasaw collection was established for the Helen Foster Local History Room. She retired from the directorship in March 1992.

During the 1970s Miss Kemp spoke often on Chickasaw history and Native American genealogical research to organizations in the Tupelo area. Her research and her efforts to promote the Chickasaw origins in northeast Mississippi culminated in an official invitation from Pontotoc County, Mississippi to then-Chickasaw Nation Governor Overton James to celebrate with anniversary of the signing of The Treaty of Pontotoc. She also co-wrote a grant to fund archaeology research into Chickasaw habitation in the region.

Miss Kemp has served on various boards and has been involved with many organizations including: Purcell Community Council, Secretary of Oklahoma City Senior Group, President of the American Indian Cultural Society - 2001, League of Women Voters, American Association of University Women - John J. Hart Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy - Hugh Quinn Chapter, Daughters of the American Colonists, and Dames of the Court of Honor.

She has held many positions in the American Library Association and remains a member today. She is a member of United Methodist Church.

Miss Kemp graduated from Norman (OK) High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma in 1952, and a master's degree from Florida State University in 1965.

Miss Kemp has lived in Norman, Okla., since 1993 and participates in many Chickasaw activities and has taught many cultural craft classes.

Gene "Nashoba" Thompson

Retired U.S. Army Col. Gene "Nashoba" Thompson joined the Oklahoma National Guard

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at the age of 16 and retired in 1983. He was awarded the Defense Superior Service Medal, presented to senior officers who perform "superior meritorious service in a position of significant responsibility."

"Gene Thompson has dedicated his life to service - both to his country and to his tribe," said Gov. Anoatubby. "Living with such purpose is admirable, and an inspiration to us all. Even today, he places a high priority on the preservation of the Chickasaw nation's heritage."

"Gene Thompson followed the example of another inductee, one of his ancestors, Thomas Thompson, who also lived a life of service to his tribe."

Col. Thompson was born in 1937 in Oklahoma City to Thomas and Thelma Thompson. He is the grandson of the late Thomas Benjamin Thomson, Sr., also a 2013 Hall of Fame inductee. His aunt is the late Te Ata Thompson Fisher, a 1990 Hall of Fame inductee.

While in service, Col. Thompson obtained both bachelor's and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University.

He was one of 13 students to be chosen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to attend its entomology program. With help from the USDA, he later became a faculty member through the University of Nebraska Entomology Program.

A world leader in the field of entomology, Col. Thompson served as executive director of the Armed Forces Pest Management Board. This board recommends policy, procedure and offers guidance on all matters related to pest management. He developed the first program used by the Department of Defense to protect its worldwide food and clothing stockpiles.

Following his Army retirement, Mr. Thompson conducted field studies for the Texas Department of Health.

Col. Thompson is active in the Austin, Texas area as a Chickasaw Nation ambassador and an advocate for Native American culture and history. He speaks at civic organizations, seminars and schools throughout Texas and Oklahoma about Chickasaw beliefs and practices.

He was selected to participate in the "I Am Very Proud To

Be Chickasaw" commissioned painting project completed by Chickasaw artist Mike Larsen.

The subsequent artwork and biographical sketch of his life were featured in the book "Proud to Be Chickasaw," published in 2010.

Col. Thompson is an active member of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas and resides in Austin with his wife, Vivian.

Colbert Latimer "Bud" Baker, Jr.

Born in 1924 to Colbert Latimer Baker and Martha Lois Brunt, Colbert Latimer "Bud" Baker, Jr. has distinguished himself in his profession, in military service and through outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation.

A University of Oklahoma graduate, Mr. Baker exemplifies the Chickasaw entrepreneurship spirit. Among other businesses, Mr. Baker founded Chickasaw Distributors, Inc., in 1979. Officially recognized as an American Indian company, the entity specializes in tubular goods and drill pipe distributed exclusively to Shell Oil's Gulf region. Today, the company generates more than \$200 million in annual sales and continues to be family operated.

"Colbert Baker epitomizes the entrepreneurial spirit that has been part of Chickasaw culture for hundreds of years," said Gov. Anoatubby. "His generosity to the tribe is given hopes that fellow citizens will work to become the best they can be. His legacy includes opening doors and offering opportunities to other Chickasaws. Many have taken those opportunities and achieved success."

Bringing honor to the Chickasaw people, Mr. Baker served as a U.S. Navy officer during World War II and the Korean War. He served aboard the USS Los Angeles and USS Toledo. He rose to the rank of ensign and was decorated for his wartime service.

Through generous donations to the Chickasaw Foundation, Mr. Baker has helped many Chickasaw students fulfill their educational dreams and better their lives. In 2000, the Colbert "Bud" Baker Scholarship was established through the Chickasaw Foundation.

Mr. Baker was honored for his philanthropy in 2003 and 2004 when he received the "Outstanding Philanthropist" award presented by the Chickasaw Nation. He is a true Chickasaw in spirit and soul.

Mr. Baker is also involved in the community. He has and continues to offer leadership and guidance to civic and business organizations. He has served as president of a number of organizations including: Dallas North Texas Rotary Club, University of Oklahoma Alumni Club, and the Car and Truck Leasing Association of Texas. He has served as executive secretary of the National Truck Leasing System Dallas Executive Association, the Sales and Marketing Executives of Dallas and Executive International. He currently is a member of numerous clubs, boards and associations in the fields of petroleum, real estate and civic duty.

Mr. Baker lives in Marco Island, Florida where he enjoys tennis, swimming, calisthenics, music and reading.

Benson Pikey

1837-1895

Benson Pikey was known as a man of integrity and embodied what it means to be Chickasaw.

Born in Mississippi about 1837, Mr. Pikey came to Indian Territory during the time of Chickasaw Removal.

Active in the Chickasaw House of Representatives, Mr. Pikey was elected as a representative prior to the War Between the States and honorably severed as Speaker of the House.

He continued public service as a representative until circa 1890.

Mr. Pikey ran a successful ranch that covered more than 1,000 acres, the largest in the Silver City area on the south side of the South Canadian River. He raised cattle, hogs and horses. He trained horses and traded with the U.S. Cavalry.

A prominent Chickasaw landowner, Mr. Pikey was granted permission by the Chickasaw Nation to help build a 50-mile fence along the South Canadian River. The fence helped protect Chickasaw lands during a time of livestock thefts and other criminal activities throughout the lands bordering the river.

During the War Between the States, Mr. Pikey served the Confederacy as Captain of Company G, Shecoe's Chickasaw Battalion Mounted Volunteers.

After the War he established Pikey's Crossing, one of several important cattle crossings for the Chisholm Trail. With the land run and the creation of Oklahoma City, Pikey's Crossing became the main crossing point on the South Canadian River between Chickasha and Oklahoma City until 1932 when highway bridges made the ferry obsolete.

"Benson Pikey took measures to protect Chickasaw farmers, their land and property," said Gov. Anoatubby. "He was an entrepreneur whose businesses offered benefits to dozens of Chickasaws. He literally opened the way to success for many ranchers and others who were making their way in the new homeland."

Benson Pikey died July 1895 at his home on the South Canadian about 18 miles east of Minco.

Mr. Pikey's obituary in the Minco Minstrel newspaper said, "He served his people well throughout his long and useful life. He was an honest man, straight as a line in his dealing with all men and though a man of strong convictions, he kept them for his own conduct and spoke gently of the failings of others."

Mr. Pikey is buried at Clopton Cemetery, Newcastle, Oklahoma.

Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr.

1865-1939

The last elected treasurer of the Chickasaw Nation, Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr., is best known for working with former Chickasaw Nation Governor Douglas H. Johnston to protect the Chickasaw people during the years immediately after Oklahoma statehood.

"Like Benson Pikey, Thomas Thompson helped fellow Chickasaws make the transition after the Dawes Act and into Oklahoma statehood," said Gov. Anoatubby. "He also encouraged his children and grandchildren to be proud of their Chickasaw heritage and to give back to their tribe."

An original enrollee, Mr. Thompson spent endless hours

helping fellow tribal citizens register with the Dawes Commission.

Born May 20, 1865 in Emet, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory, Mr. Thompson was born to Thomas Jefferson Thompson and Millenium "Lena" Bynum.

As a child he was known as Loksi Iskunosi, or "Little Terrapin." After a brief stay with his maternal grandmother at the age of 10, he attended Burney Institute in present day Lebanon, Okla. As a teenager, he left Burney Institute to live with his aunt Nellie Bynum Johnston and her husband and future Governor of the Chickasaw Nation, Douglas H. Johnston.

Mr. Thompson began his service with the Chickasaw Nation in 1888. As a clerk of the Chickasaw Supreme Court, he worked closely with his uncle, Judge Overton "Sobe" Love, a fellow Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee.

His personal and professional career put him in contact with many fellow inductees.

During the years following his official service to the Chickasaw Nation, Mr. Thompson continued a close relationship with Governor Johnston. They engaged in several business partnerships, including successful general stores.

Mr. Thompson's greatest legacy to the Chickasaw people has been his descendants. He encouraged his children and grandchildren to be proud of their Chickasaw heritage and to never forget the traditions of the tribe. He emphasized to them the importance of giving back to the tribe and always working for the betterment of the Chickasaw people. His heirs include Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductees Te Ata Fisher, daughter; Helen Cole, granddaughter; Eugene Thompson, grandson; and U.S. Congressman Tom Cole, great-grandson.

Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr. died April 23, 1939 in Oklahoma City, at age 74.

Established in 1987, the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame honors Chickasaws who have made significant contributions to Chickasaw people or the Native American community.

Induction to the Chickasaw Hall of Fame is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Chickasaw by the Chickasaw Nation. For more information about the Chickasaw Hall of Fame, visit www.chickasaw.net/hof.

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A black and white photograph of three firefighters in uniform standing in a row. The firefighter on the left is wearing a cap and glasses. The middle firefighter is holding a flag with a circular emblem that includes the text 'THE CREW' and 'SICKLES'. The firefighter on the right is also wearing a cap and glasses. They are all wearing white gloves and dark pants.

	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
\$	217,424,956	133,856,878	351,281,834
	30,739,905	67,381,786	98,121,692
	141,835	7,421,565	7,563,400
		15,802,951	15,802,951
		1,202,500	1,202,500
	436,515,501	819,089,987	1,255,605,488
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\$	681,906,262	895,238,109	1,577,144,370

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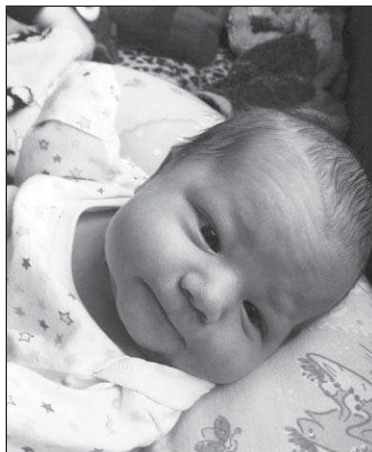


Avery Juanita Baird

Rowan and Myles Baird welcome the birth of their sister, Avery Juanita Baird. She was born Jan. 5, 2013. Parents are Leah and Bryan Baird, of Tualatin, Ore.

She is the granddaughter of Lucina Nell Looney, of Ada, Okla., and Paul Glenn Jameson, of Seattle.

She is the great-great-granddaughter of original enrollees Eula Aldrich Looney and Susan Nedd Magee Aldrich.



Cabe Trent Nelson

Cabe Trent Nelson was born at 3:43 p.m., April 19, 2013 at Texas Health Harris Methodist Hospital Southwest Fort Worth. He weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz., at birth. He is the son of Brian and Brandi Nelson, of Weatherford, Texas, and is welcomed by sister, Codilen and brother, Cooper.

He is the grandson of Stanley and Joyce Nelson, of Ada, Okla., Gary Duncan, of Pueblo, and Judy Duncan, of Weatherford.

He is the great-great-grandson of Lillie Pound Nelson (through his great-grandfather, Lloyd Nelson) and Lautta Overton Love (by his great-grandmother Mellie Love Nelson, each original enrollees whose respective Chickasaw heritages come from Sally (House of In-cun-no-mar) Colbert and Mahota Love.



Christian Isaac Hendrix

Christian Hendrix now a Head Start graduate

Christian Isaac Hendrix, 5, has graduated from the Chickasaw Nation Tishomingo Head Start program. He is the son of Amy Underwood, of Tishomingo, and Chris Hendrix, of Ardmore, Okla.

Christian is the grandson of Cecil and Julia Underwood, of Tishomingo, and Glenda Parrish-Orso, of Maysville, Okla.

He is named for his great-great-grandfather, Issac Underwood, an original enrollee.

Christian is such a blessing to us. He is such a smart and strong little boy. His family is very proud of him. He loves learning about dinosaurs and other animals, listening to music, playing T-ball and swimming. His favorite show is "Wild Kratts."

Chickasaw student active in Union ROTC



Brian Snyder

A Chickasaw high school student is active in his school's Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) unit.

Brian Michael Snyder is a 15-year-old freshman at Tulsa Union High School. He has been part of his ROTC unit since last summer. He plans a military career following graduation.

Brian and his unit attended the inauguration of Pres. Barack Obama in January.

He is a descendant of original enrollee Lizzie Columbus. His grandmother is Felicia Lucas.

Chickasaw girl active volunteer in community



Keely Hawkins

A Chickasaw girl has been busy preparing for an upcoming Oklahoma pageant.

Twelve-year-old Keely Kimberlin Hawkins is a home-school student who will be entering seventh grade this fall. She has recently been selected a state finalist for the National American Miss pageant June 8-9 in Tulsa. She and the other entrants will be judged on community involvement, personal introduction, formal wear and interview.

The pageant, Keely said, centers on "helping young ladies grow and expand their ideas about who they are and what they want to achieve."

Keely has been busy in her community. She worked for a local state senate candidate by putting political fliers together, knocking on doors and "meeting lots of people."

She has also volunteered at the Iron Gate soup kitchen where she served meals and handed out groceries to people in need.

Keely is the daughter of Kevin and Kimberly Hawkins. Her grandparents are Larry and Marjorie Williams. Keely has three older brothers and one little sister.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Tyler Edgar places at weightlifting tourney



Tyler Edgar

A Chickasaw junior high school student recently placed in a state weightlifting competition.

Tyler Edgar is a 14-year-old eighth-grader at Sulphur (OK) Junior High School. Tyler took fifth place in the Oklahoma Junior High State Weightlifting tournament. This was the first year Tyler competed in the event.

Tyler is the son of Steven and Stacy Edgar, of Sulphur.

Matt Stafford honored for academic work in mathematics, science



Matt Stafford

A Chickasaw student has been honored for his academic work in mathematics and science.

Matt Stafford is an eighth-grade student at Bowlegs (OK) Junior High School. Matthew participates in the science, technology, engineering and

math (STEM) partnership between Gordon Cooper Technology Center and regional schools, including Bowlegs.

He was honored May 9 for "outstanding academic achievement in the areas of math and science, attitude and work ethic." Matthew received his award during a May 9 banquet at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee, Okla.

Matthew is the son of David and Jeri Stafford.

Chickasaw gymnast is top All-Around at meet



Brooke Cheatwood

A young Chickasaw gymnast has recently won top honors in state competition.

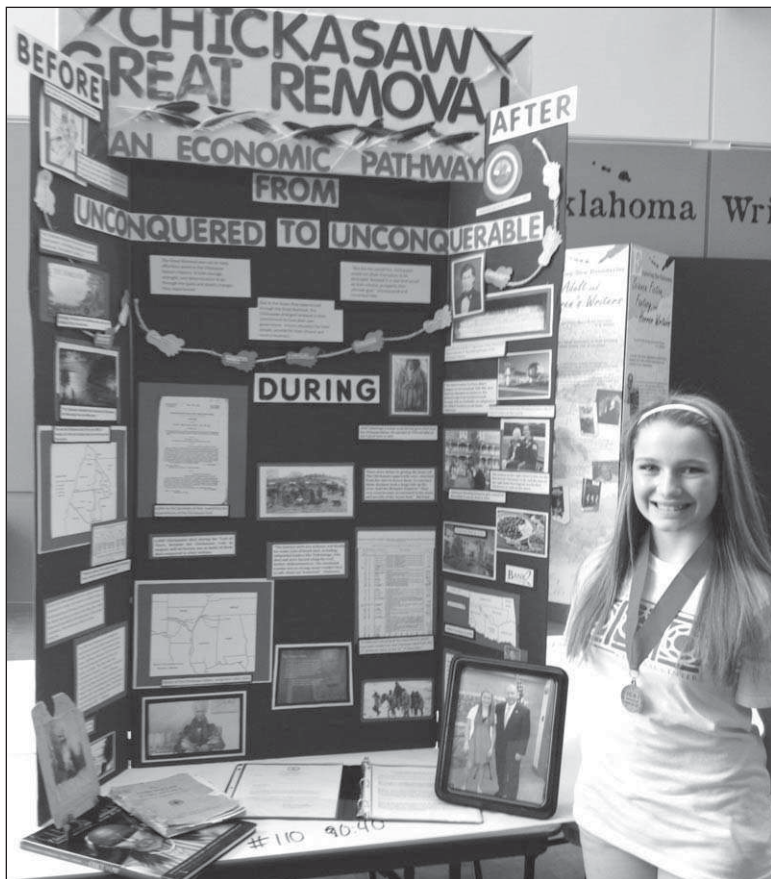
Ten-year-old Brooke Cheatwood, of Stillwater, Okla., was named All-Around Champion during the USA Gymnastics 2013 Oklahoma Gymnastics State Championship Level 4.

Brooke also was state champion in the vault competition; third place in floor exercise; and fourth place in bars.

The gymnast began training about two years ago and this was her first time at state competition. She became the first member of her home club, Zone Twisters, to win the Level 4 state championship.

Brooke is the daughter of Mark and Jennifer Cheatwood, of Stillwater. She is the granddaughter of Harry and Sharon Cheatwood, of Stillwater, and Don and Grace Goldsby, of Goldsby, Okla.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Chloe Pulver

Chickasaw student qualifies for National History competition with Chickasaw Removal study

Thirteen-year-old Chickasaw student Chloe Pulver recently placed in the state National History Day competition and will be move on to the national competition in Annapolis, Maryland.

Chloe, of Jenks, Okla., qualified for nationals on May 1 in Oklahoma City with her project titled "The Chickasaw Great Removal - An Economic Pathway from Unconquered to Unconquerable."

Chloe first learned about the opportunity to be a part of National History Day after being placed in honors social studies class at Jenks Middle School. When she discovered this year's topic would be a "Turning Point in World History," Chloe decided to focus on the Chickasaw Removal and the economic development of the Chickasaw Nation.

"Growing up, my mom always talked about her Chickasaw heritage," Chloe said. "When I was introduced to National History Day, I knew it was the perfect opportunity to learn more about the Chickasaw Nation's history and economy."

Chloe thoroughly researched her topic using a variety of

sources, including the Internet, Tulsa Public Library and books about the Chickasaw Homelands. To complete her research, Chloe traveled to the Holisso Research Center at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

The highlight of her research process, Chloe said, was meeting and interviewing Gov. Bill Anoatubby over spring break.

"I learned a lot from Governor Anoatubby," she said. "He was very kind and welcoming. After the interview, I felt so proud to be Chickasaw."

At the state competition, Chloe place third out of roughly 300 regional exhibits. Participants were judged on poster presentation and a 10-question individual interview.

Chloe is the great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw Nation Gov. Cyrus Harris.



Blakelee Hayes

Chickasaw girl takes Reserve Champion at Oklahoma Youth Expo

A Chickasaw student has recently earned a top award at Oklahoma's premier youth livestock show.

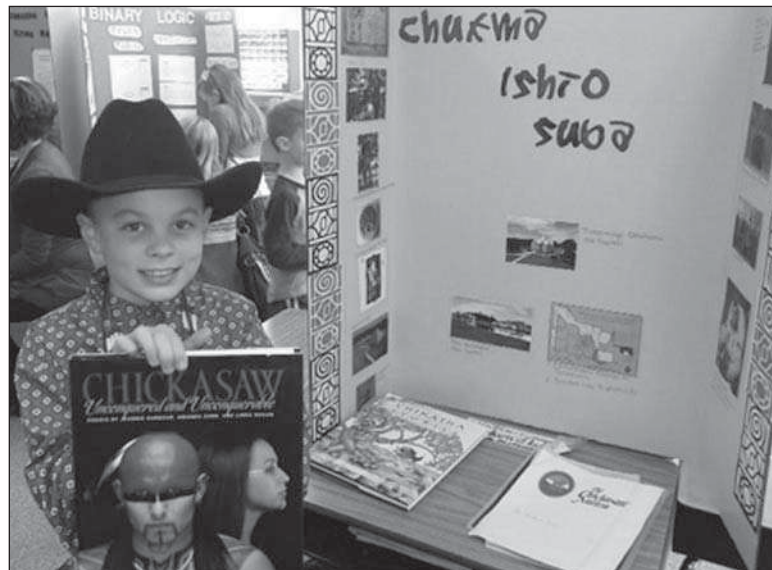
Blakelee Hayes is a 12-year-old seventh-grader at Latta (OK) Junior High School. Blakelee won Reserve Champion Junior Beef Showman at the 2013 Oklahoma Youth Expo. The Expo was the week of March 17 in Oklahoma City.

Beef showmanship is a qualified show and participants must have won the showmanship contest in their respective county's qualified show.

Blakelee has been showing cattle competitively since she was eight years old. She has competed at seven national shows, including the National Western Livestock Show in Denver, as well as multiple National Junior Hereford Expos throughout the U.S.

Blakelee is the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Hayes, of Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw third-grader brings Chickasaw story to his Colorado elementary school



Jackson Skiles

A Chickasaw elementary school student from Colorado is spreading the word about the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation with a multifaceted cultural presentation.

Jackson Skiles is a third grader at DCS Montessori in Castle Pines, Colo. Jackson completed a three-part school project on his family's Chickasaw heritage and has delivered the presentation numerous times.

He first completed a book report on Chickasaw myths and legends and shared the story "How Poison Came to the Chickasaw and Choctaw" with his class.

During spring break, Jackson did more research and took a special trip to the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. He wrote a historical outline and cultural profiles of the Chickasaws based on that research.

His third component entailed dressing as a modern Chicka-

saw and presenting a verbal report on the Chickasaw Nation's past, present and future.

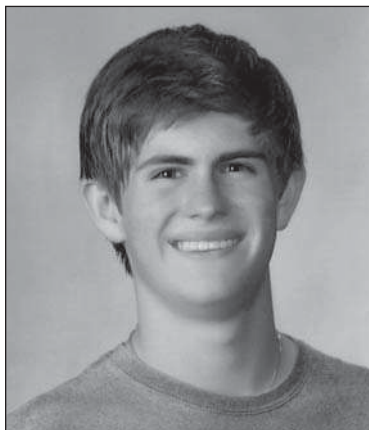
Jackson also completed a story board reflecting ancient history, important historical events and an overview of the current leadership of the tribe. With the story board as a backdrop, Jackson presented his findings to his entire elementary school, including parents and teachers.

Jackson was ultimately asked to give his presentation a total of 12 times. Many of his classmates, their parents and teachers had never heard of the Chickasaws. They were surprised to have a "real live" Native American in their class.

Jackson very much enjoyed the opportunity to give his presentation and share the proud story of his heritage with all his friends at school.

Jackson's presentation can be viewed on YouTube at <http://youtu.be/3RwepY2L5EI>

Texas Chickasaw prep student first in computer maintenance course



Caleb Carter

Caleb Carter, an Abilene (TX) High School sophomore, recently took first place in computer maintenance at the Texas Skills USA Competition in Corpus Christie, Texas. The competition took place April 6.

Caleb will next compete in the National Skills USA Competition in St. Louis in June.

He also led a four-man Abilene High School team that took second place in business and entrepreneurship.

Caleb has a professional license in CompTIA A+ com-

puter maintenance. He is the top-ranked academic student in his high school and hopes to attend the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business following his 2015 high school graduation.

Caleb is the son of Dr. and Mr. Troy Carter, of Abilene. He is the grandson of Gayle Wilson Black, of Amarillo, Texas; the great-grandson of Maxine Cockrell; and the great-great-grandson of Lula May Land Cockrell.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Hulbutta selected for Udall Congressional Internship



MariKate Hulbutta

and will receive her bachelor's degree in spring 2014.

Miss Hulbutta was one of 12 Indian students selected for the unique internship. She was selected by an independent review committee made up of Indian educators and tribal policy leaders. Selections were made based on academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to tribal public policy careers.

Miss Hulbutta will complete her internship in the office of U.S. Sen. Martin T. Heinrich (D-N.M.).

The Udall internship program was developed to provide Indian college student leaders an insider's view of the federal government. Interns complete a 10-week summer internship during which time they ob-

serve how decisions are made and how policy is developed.

Miss Hulbutta has been involved with the Native American Council, the Multicultural Recruitment Committee and the Pre-Law Society during her time at Columbia. Following her graduation, she plans to attend law school. Miss Hulbutta plans to develop a career as an advocate for better quality and access to health care for Indian people.

The Udall Foundation was established by the U.S. Congress in 1992. The entity provides federally-funded scholarships to college students pursuing careers in the environment, tribal public policy or health care.

A Chickasaw university student has recently been selected to participate in the Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship program.

MariKate Hulbutta will enter her senior year at Columbia University this fall. Miss Hulbutta is majoring in psychology

Chickasaw softball player sets home run mark at Eastern



Ashley Jones

A Chickasaw college softball player has recently set a new home run mark at her school.

Ashley Jones is a freshman at Eastern Oklahoma State Col-

lege. During the spring season completed in May, Miss Jones belted 24 home runs, handily beating the previous Eastern mark of 18. Her 24 homers also landed her at third in the nation among National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) players.

Miss Jones is a utility player who plays first base, catcher and designated player. She was named to the first team All-Region 2 squad as the utility player. She played high school softball at Carl Albert High School in Midwest City, Okla., where her team won state championships in 2011 and 2012.

Miss Jones carries a perfect 4.0 grade point average.

She is the daughter of Jeff and Alisha Jones, of Midwest City.

Caldwell, Venable exchange vows March 23 in St. Louis



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Venable

Brittany Ann Caldwell and Michael William Venable, both of St. Louis, Mo., were united in marriage during a March 23 ceremony at Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Louis. Officiating was Pastor Dave Marth.

The bride is the daughter of the late James Randolph Caldwell II, and Ms. Patricia Holland Caldwell, of St. Louis. She is of Chickasaw/Choctaw descent.

She is the granddaughter of

Hoyt and Pauline Holland, of Achille, Okla., and Randy and Loraine Caldwell, of Denison, Texas.

Mrs. Venable has been employed as a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis since January 2010. She graduated December 2009 from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in nursing. In February 2013 she has accepted a new position in the

post anesthesia care unit "Post Op" at Mercy Hospital.

She is currently attending a course of study at Maryville University, St. Louis to obtain a master's degree in nursing. She will complete her studies in May 2015 and will begin a new career as a nurse practitioner.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Greg Venable, of Columbia, Mo. He is the grandson of Harry and Betty Caratti, of Santa Rosa, Calif., and Ken and Dorene Venable, of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Mr. Venable attended college at Columbia, Mo. He is currently employed at Summit Distribution of St. Louis.

Mrs. Jessica Williams served as Matron of Honor and Kate Joachimstaler, niece of the bride, and Lilly Venable, niece of the groom, served as flower girls. Mrs. Megan Ploeger was the bridesmaid. Junior bridesmaid was Brooke Joachimstaler, niece of the bride.

Kenny Venable, brother of the groom, served as Best Man and the ring bearer was Jacob Caldwell, nephew of the bride. Groomsmen were Mike Williams, Nick Johnston and Adam Kirby.

Following a honeymoon to Riviera Maya the couple makes their home in St. Louis.

NEWS FROM LITTLE MISS CHICKASAW

Payton Robertson
Little Miss Chickasaw

We danced for an hour at the Gathering of Nations and my feet were sore the next day. I was amazed at how many Indians were there and how pretty their outfits are.

I have mainly enjoyed attending all the Chickasaw Head Start graduations in May. The children are about the same age as my sister, Piper, and I got to go to her graduation ceremony as well. The kids always ask questions and are always smiling at me.

My sister wants to be a Chickasaw Princess and I think some of the other little girls I have met would like to be princess too someday.

The pageant for Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw is closely approaching; I would like to tell any girl that wants to become a princess to go for it because it is fun and you get to meet new people every time you go to an event. This is a great way for you to represent our unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation!

Chokma'shki,
2012-2013 Little Miss Chickasaw

Payton Robertson

Chukma! Hello, my name is Payton Robertson and I am your 2012-2013 Little Miss Chickasaw. I am a third grader at Washington Elementary in Ada, Okla. I am the daughter of Steven Robertson and Destiny Robertson.

Being Little Miss Chickasaw is a lot of work but fun at the same time. I have learned about etiquette and the history of the Chickasaw Nation. I have enjoyed going to lots of different places. It was cool staying at the hotel and going swimming in Albuquerque, N.M. even if it was too cold.

Chickasaw golfer working his way to goal of PGA Tour



ANDREW GREEN

Chickasaw and professional golfer Andrew Green is a striking presence on the golf course.

At 6'8", some might assume basketball would be his forte. But Mr. Green says golf is his passion.

"I started to play golf at 14 or 15 when my dad took me out to the course," he said. "I fell in love with it and started playing in tournaments all though high school."

Mr. Green, 23, continued competing in tournaments as a college player for the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond where he graduated in 2012 with a bachelor's degree in business. He received a full golf scholarship to the university and played on the varsity team.

His collegiate honors in golf included All-Freshman, plus

All-Conference and All-Region all four years. He was also named to the All-American team for two years. In his junior year at UCO, he placed third in the Division II National Championship, and qualified for the U.S. Amateur at Erin Hills Golf Course in Wisconsin.

Playing on the Adams Golf Tour and the Fairway Golf Tour – where professional golfers compete who have not yet qualified for full Professional Golf Association (PGA) Tour membership -- Mr. Green consistently places in the top 10 in tournaments. He won the Firecracker Open, the Dornick Hills Classic and the U.S. Amateur Qualifying in 2011.

After graduation, Mr. Green turned professional. He missed qualifying for this year's PGA Tour True South Classic by just one shot.

Most recently, he won his first professional tournament, the Fairway Golf Tour-Cypress Lakes in February earning the \$9,000 top prize.

"My goal is to play on the PGA tour," he said.

In an average year, Mr. Green, of Edmond, says he plays in 30 tournaments, including two or three in Oklahoma. In 2013, he has traveled to play tournaments in Colorado, Louisiana, and Texas.

When he isn't traveling, he is on the Rose Creek Golf Club course in Edmond practicing

his game and technique with coach Dustin York, an assistant coach at UCO.

"I practice six or seven hours a day, every day," Mr. Green said. "I start with a workout and conditioning. I then go to the course to hit some balls, play the course and then ice my back to get ready for the next day."

This commitment to golf has proven expensive for the young athlete.

"Before college I had never even been on a plane before," he said. "It's so expensive to travel and play. I try to do it all on my own, but I am open to

sponsorships."

USA Golf of Houston provides his golf clothes. He also receives sponsorship support from Green & Sons Heat and Air of Edmond, a company owned by his family, as well as his aunt Cindy Petree and her husband John.

His Chickasaw heritage, Mr. Green said, was a major factor in his desire to pursue golf professionally.

"I do not believe I would be as accomplished as I am at the sport if I had not been brought up with the Chickasaw influence in my life, both physically and mentally," he said. "I know

the Chickasaw history is to help many people. I have been helped through scholarships and a very supportive community."

Mr. Green believes he has what it takes to become one of the most unique and best golfers in the world.

"I love the game," he said.

Mr. Green will be featured by Chickasaw Nation Television on July 15. Video of Mr. Green's long-arching swing – did someone mention he is 6'8"? – awed videographers and will inspire many golfers, CNTV officials said.

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TOM COLE | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

fore the tornado hit, saved the family.

Rep. Cole also praised Moore Mayor Glenn Lewis and 1,700 volunteers who marshaled together to clean up a cemetery just a few blocks from Plaza Towers Elementary School where seven children died due to storm injuries.

"They knew the next Monday after the storm was Memorial Day and they cleaned the cemetery of debris in a single day," he said.

Among the accomplishments cited on the political front was passage of the Violence Against Women Act. Rep. Cole, one of the bill's sponsors, said the legislation helped women who were victims of domestic abuse, but primarily helped Native American women who live in the northeastern U.S. A shocking two-thirds of those Indian women, Rep. Cole said,

would experience domestic violence some time in their lives. The Act puts teeth into the law to halt such violence.

But, Rep. Cole said, dark clouds loom in the future as politicians gear up for a "huge fight" concerning authorizing an increase in the debt ceiling.

He illustrated the problem ahead by comparing it to current forced spending cuts, known as sequestration. Sequestration cuts are equal to about three percent of total federal spending. The debt ceiling fight could cut spending 38 percent and could alter the way some popular programs are administered, including Indian health care. The impact, he said, would be "immediate."

Republicans will look at reforming social programs – Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid – to help limit the pain of cutbacks. Some tax re-

form, Rep. Cole said, especially aimed at larger corporations, could help fill the nation's coffers if an increase in the debt ceiling is not approved.

Saying he had voted 37 times to repeal Obama's signature legislative initiative on health care, Rep. Cole said even Democrats are beginning to realize how expensive and intrusive the Act will become when fully enacted in January 2014. With bipartisan efforts, he said many of the programs could be rolled back, slashed or improved.

Those efforts didn't diminish his overall thoughts that Obamacare is "basically a weigh station to a government takeover of health care in America."

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Chickasaw attends Boeing conference



Crystal Caldwell Joachimstaler

pany conference in San Diego.

Mrs. Joachimstaler has worked for Boeing in St. Louis for 12 years. She works in research and development for the company.

She was one of 800 Boeing workers invited to attend the biennial conference.

Mrs. Joachimstaler earned a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Missouri-St. Louis, and received her master's in business administration from Maryville University in St. Louis.

She is the daughter of the late James Randolph Caldwell II and Patricia Holland Caldwell, of St. Louis.

Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Randy Caldwell and Mrs. And Mrs. Hoyt Holland.

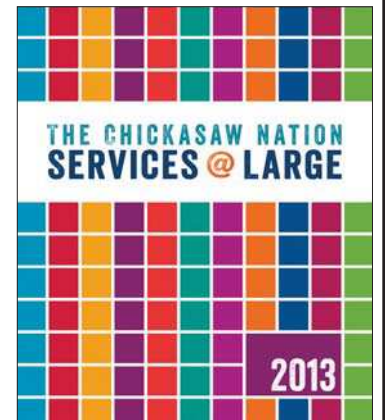
Crystal Caldwell Joachimstaler, a Chickasaw citizen and Boeing employee, was recently invited to the three-day com-

Programs & Services and Services @ Large



The 2013 Programs & Services and Services @Large directories are now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services and Services @Large directories contain information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.



Reunion attendees enjoy culture, fellowship; archers compete in Cornstalk Shoot



Two Chickasaws engage in a traditional stomp dance for Chickasaw Reunion attendees at Kullihoma on May 18.

KULLIHOMA – Chickasaw archer Carmon Jones reacted to the statement with an exhausted, heavy sigh.

One of her competitors in the Chickasaw Cornstalk Shoot stretched, groaned slightly, and then stated flatly, "I'm give out."

With 85 percent humidity promising strong storms late in the evening, and as the sun peaked through mostly overcast skies to heat up the earth's surface even more, Jones repeated the statement with a rejoinder, "I'm give out and I'm out of arrows, too."

The Chickasaw Reunion competition started at 10 a.m.

It was noon.

A few archers were close to

the match-ending 50 points, but not quite. That meant no matter how tired, how dehydrated, how shade-deprived the archers were, the match would continue until a winner was proclaimed.

Who knew when that would be?

The week previous to the Reunion, the Chickasaw Bow Team let fly arrow after arrow desperately attempting to hit the mark on hay bales in a field just north of Chickasaw Nation Housing headquarters on North Broadway in Ada. The team was preparing for the Kullihoma Chickasaw Reunion competition.

With targets 100 yards away and a crossing south wind of

20 miles per hour blowing arrows to either side of the target, last month's practice session was grueling and frustrating.

At the Reunion, archers were situated in a shallow hollow at Kullihoma and while the wind was gusty, it wasn't nearly as persistent as the field off Broadway in Ada during practice. Arrows were flying truer. But that didn't mean the competition finished in an hour.

Chickasaw competitor Wayne King was crowned champion of the shoot. Mr. King pierced 50 cornstalks before all others in a match that lasted approximately three hours.

The Kullihoma grounds were full of attendees who could shop for Native American art, bows, arrows, corn husk dolls, bead work, watch a traditional stomp dance or try their hand at striking a deer target with

bow and arrow.

Two majestic eagles - a mature golden eagle and a juvenile bald eagle - were favorites with adults and children alike.

The birds were on display courtesy of Oklahoma State University.

Handlers explained how, and what, each bird hunted and what each was capable of hunting. Surprisingly, small wolves are on the menu.

Bald eagles are not uncommon in Oklahoma. Nesting pairs have been observed and studied throughout the state.

Golden eagles are primarily found in the Black Mesa area of Oklahoma, into Colorado and New Mexico.

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A youngster gets instruction on proper technique while a friend helps her line up the shot at the Chickasaw Reunion May 18 at Kullihoma.

April 2013 Outstanding Achievement Award recipients

Outstanding Citizenship Achievement

Kele Parnacher

Kele Parnacher, 15, son of Craig and Shannon Parnacher, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Achievement award.



Kele Parnacher

Kele is in the eighth grade Latta School and was nominated by Language Arts Teacher Roy Deering because of his hardworking and enjoyable attitude.

"Kele works hard," Deering said. "He quickly is becoming a leader among his peers and is interested in learning and bettering himself in preparation for his future."

As an active member of Boiling Springs Methodist Church in Lula, Okla., Kele likes spending time hanging out with friends and family. Kele is also an avid sports player who enjoys baseball and basketball.

"In the future I plan on attending North Carolina University," Kele said. "I also want to keep playing basketball."

Aubrie Nowlin

Aubrie Nowlin, 8, daughter of Randy and Sunnie Nowlin,

of Cleveland, Okla., is an April 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Achievement award.

Aubrie is in the third grade at Cleveland Intermediate School and was nominated by third grade teacher Leslie Davenport.

"Aubrie is a responsible and helpful student," Davenport said. "She gives her best and is helpful to both me and other students. She is one of the kids I know I can depend on. She always has a positive attitude."

Aubrie has many hobbies. These include reading, swimming riding bike and fishing.

Bryson Ostrowski

Bryson Ostrowski, 12, son of Sunnie Smith-Nowlin of Cleveland, Okla., is an April 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement award.

Bryson is in the sixth grade at Cleveland Middle School and was nominated by Rachel Williams, sixth grade reading teacher.



Aubrie Nowlin



Bryson Ostrowski

"Bryson is takes it upon himself to help others," Williams said. "He genuinely tries to help other students understand the materials if they don't understand. He once modeled the way I question my students to promote higher order of thinking, this made my heart smile."

Bryson enjoys anything outdoors. His hobbies include football, hunting and fishing.

"I love fishing and am the best at it," Bryson said. "Some people don't believe some of my fishing stories. At my house we have seven pounds. I have caught carp, crappie, sand bass, alligator gar and catfish. I have even caught rainbow trout."

Destiny Guffey

Destiny Guffey, 10, daughter of Christopher Guffey and Amber Maxberry, of Ada, is an April recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Achievement award.

Destiny is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Indian Education Coordinator Stephanie Delfrate.

"Destiny is an intelligent

young lady and is serious about her education," Delfrate said. "Destiny is active in the Byng Native Voices Club and is on the 2012-2013 honor roll."

Destiny likes to ride horses and sing. She loves spending time with her four brothers and three sisters. Destiny also enjoys reading. Her favorite book is "Diary Of A Wimpy Kid".

"My favorite animal is the horse," Destiny said. "My future plans include becoming a veterinarian."

Peyton Ray

Peyton Ray, 10, daughter of Allen and Tandi Ray, of Ada, Okla., is an April 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Tribal Language Achievement award.



Peyton Ray

Peyton is in the fourth grade at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Stephanie Delfrate, Indian education coordinator.

"Peyton is hard working and willing to complete any task assigned to her," Delfrate said. "She sets high standards for herself and I have had the pleasure of getting to know her."

Peyton enjoys her Native American heritage. She has participated in many tribal activities. These include Native Voices, Chickasaw Reunions at Kullihoma and has also been a member of the Martial Arts

demonstration team. Currently, Peyton is involved in gymnastics and parkour.

"When I grow up I want to be a baker and photographer," Peyton said "I love to bake and watch "Sweet Genius" on T.V."

Johnathon Delfrate

Johnathon Delfrate, 11, Stratford, Okla., is the son of Terry and Stephanie Delfrate and is an April 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Tribal Language Achievement award.



Johnathon is a fifth grade student at Byng Elementary School and was nominated by Tracy Allison, fifth grade teacher.

"Johnathon possesses the admirable ability to work well under pressure and to see the best in people at the worst of times," Allison said. "Johnathon is known for his positive attitude and perseverance. I can firmly say Johnathon is an asset to our school and to our tribe."

Johnathon participates in many school activities, including basketball, track, vocal music, 4-H and Native Voice Club.

"At the 2013 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair I placed third for my poster," Johnathon said. "I also placed first in the singing and speaking categories."

In his spare time, Johnathon

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Taiwanese business leader, philanthropist honored by tribe, OCU



Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents a quiver and arrows to Taiwanese businessman and philanthropist Chao Teng-Hsiung during a May ceremony at Oklahoma City University. Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance, right, holds a Pendleton blanket also presented to Mr. Chao. The university bestowed an honorary doctorate of business on Mr. Chao, a man who began life in poverty and built a business empire worth billions. He also started the Farglory Foundation, which funds medical research for a cure for illnesses and feeds impoverished children.

OKLAHOMA CITY – A true rags to riches story for a highly successful Taiwanese businessman culminated May 16 with an honorary doctorate degree in business from Oklahoma City University.

With the support of the

Chickasaw Nation through its close relationship with the university, Chao Teng-Hsiung was honored by political and academic leaders who could easily be included in a *Who's Who* list of important Oklahomans – Gov. Bill Anoatubby,

former Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry, former Oklahoma City Mayor and OCU board of trustees member Ron Norrick, and former Oklahoma Attorney General, 10th Circuit Court of Appeals judge and OCU President Robert Henry.

“We honor Mr. Chao for his integrity and his philanthropic mission,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “He is an outstanding man who places helping others at the top of his list.”

Mr. Chao's honor was covered by a number of Taiwan media outlets, including television and print representatives.

Chairman of the Farglory Group, Mr. Chao oversees a business empire that includes Taiwan's most valuable publicly-traded real estate development firms.

Yet, it was from very humble beginnings that he began the march to financial standing through entrepreneurial endeavors and hard work.

As a child, he would walk 10 miles to the county market to

sell vegetables from the family garden. He fished with his father and would sell the catch to make ends meet. When he finally ventured to the island capital of Taipei, he recalled having about \$8 in his pocket. Slowly he built up his fortune by gaining a valuable reputation through quality construction, hard work and integrity.

Those qualities were what attracted Mr. Chao and the tribe to each other.

The tribe has a long-standing friendship with Mr. Chao. Chickasaw Nation officials and employees first met him in 2006 through mutual business contacts. A collegial working relationship and a deep friendship has developed between the tribe and Mr. Chao.

His stunning success story – from impoverished beginnings to presiding over one of his country's largest and most prestigious companies – were qualities that drew the interest and respect of the tribe. Both immediately discovered they

shared a love of honesty, integrity, hard work, loyalty and philanthropy.

Mr. Chao, one of the wealthiest men in the world, founded the Farglory Foundation and Farglory Healthier Living Foundation. Through these philanthropic institutions, millions of dollars have been expended to educate the poor, to fund medical research and treat for ill children.

The Farglory Group business network extends throughout Taiwan, Europe, mainland China, the U.S. and Middle East. Mr. Chao's companies include insurance and financial services, commercial and residential land development and construction, recreation and leisure properties, air cargo logistics and internet services.

At 69, Mr. Chao's estimated personal net worth is \$1.9 billion. He is married and has three children, *Forbes* magazine has reported.

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likes to ride his bike or help his dad at the fire station.

Julie Underwood

Julie Underwood, 18, is the daughter of Darrell and Linda Underwood of Mill Creek, Okla., and an April 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement award.



Julie Underwood

Julie is a senior at Mill Creek High School and was nominated by Lorinda Chancellor, superintendent of Mill Creek High School.

“Julie gives 110 percent to her academic goals,” Chancellor said. “I was her first grade teacher. I have had the honor of watching her grow into a great person. She is dedicated to everything she is involved in; school, sports, church and family.”

Julie is in her high school honors Math, English, Science and History classes and has been on the school's Academic Scholastic Team since her freshman year. She has served

three years as the President of her high school class, and one year as the Vice President.

She has been honored by Gov. Anoatubby for being a positive role model for the citizens of the Chickasaw Nation. The Johnston County Chamber of Commerce also honored her for student leadership.

Julie was chosen as Little Miss Chickasaw at age seven, Junior Miss Chickasaw at 15 and plans on running for Miss Chickasaw.

Julie's hobbies include basketball, softball, fishing, hunting and playing wiffle ball with her family.

“I am so proud to be chosen as Valedictorian of my graduating class,” Julie said. “My goal for the future is to graduate from LPN nursing school in one year and then work for a couple of years. I will then return to school to receive my RN.”

Mathew Armor

Mathew Armor, 14, son of Gina Waller of Norman, Okla., is an April 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achieve-

ment award.

Mathew is in the eighth grade at Whittier Middle School and was nominated by mother Gina Walker.

“Mathew is an outstanding student,” Walker said. “He is the Oklahoma Geography Bee Champion of 2013. This achievement has earned him a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Oklahoma in the nation bee sponsored by the National

Geographic Society.”

Mathew hobbies include studying history and cooking. He has played viola with his school orchestra since fifth grade. He has been on the Chickasaw Nation Honor Roll since second grade.

In the future, Mathew would like to attend college and visit London to see Parliament, Buckingham Palace, Westminster Abbey and the Tower of

London.

“I love to study history and have always been interested in finding out where the places are in the world that I read about,” Mathew said. “It was exciting to win the state geography bee! I feel blessed to have the opportunity to represent Oklahoma at the national bee.”

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GED test set to expire at end of 2013

At the end of this year, the current version of the GED test and all incomplete test scores will expire. If an individual has not finished every section and passed by the end of 2013, he or she will have to start over with the new version of the GED test.

Currently, the GED test contains five parts that can be taken separately, but must

all be passed to receive high school credential. The new version of the GED test will be based on emerging national and state standards. The test will be delivered solely on computer and offered only in official testing centers.

The Chickasaw Nation Adult Learning Program is now offering General Equivalency Development (GED)

preparation classes for those who have dropped out of high school and would like to complete their GED.

For more information, including class times and locations, please call (580) 421-7711 or visit 300 Rosedale Road in Ada, Okla.

Head Start graduates 131 students at May ceremonies



Ada Head Start graduates



Ardmore Head Start graduates



Sulphur Head Start graduates



Tishomingo Head Start graduates

Chickasaw Nation Education celebrated the graduation of 131 students from the Ada, Ardmore, Sulphur and Tishomingo Head Start centers during the month of May.

Before receiving their diplomas, graduates from each center performed songs, poems and skits for family, friends, guests, Chickasaw Nation dignitaries, teachers and center staff members.

In Ada, Sulphur and Tishomingo, Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel greeted and presented each youngster with his or her diploma.

Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Community Services Wayne Scribner joined Gov. Anoatubby at the diploma presentation for the Ardmore center.

At each ceremony, Education executive officer Danny Wells expressed his appreciation to

parents for giving the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program the opportunity to prepare their children for school, and emphasized the importance of continued encouragement.

"This is the first step to many graduations to come," Mr. Wells said. "With your support, each and every one of these children will become what they should be and what they need to be. You have the power to provide your child with the tools necessary to become the successful leaders of the future."

Chickasaw Nation Head Start is a center-based federal- and tribally-funded program that promotes school readiness of children ages three to five. The Head Start philosophy is based on the principle that early childhood education should address children's needs in all areas of development - physi-

cal, social, emotional and cognitive.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program focuses on providing skill-appropriate serv-

ices for all Head Start students. Enrollment preference is given to Native American and low-income families, and children with disabilities.

For more information, please contact Chickasaw Nation Education at (580) 421-7711.

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Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts program offered at five locations

Applications are being accepted for the Chickasaw Nation Martial Arts Program.

Offered in five locations across the Chickasaw Nation service area, martial arts classes are free to Chickasaw citizens and employees of the Chickasaw Nation. Other participants may enroll at a rate of \$20 per month.

Classes are available for adults, teens and children

three years and older.

Classes take place one to two times per week at the following locations:

Achille - Youth and Family Center, 104 W. Main

Ada - Chickasaw Family Life Center, 229 Seabrook

Ardmore - Wellness Center, 911 Locust N.W.

Purcell - Youth and Family Center, 1603 S. Green Ave.

Sulphur - Sulphur Black Drag-

ons, 215 W. Muskogee St.

To obtain an application and detailed schedule, visit www.chickasaw.net/services/index_137.htm.

For more information, please contact Matt Clark at (580) 272-5504 or matt.clark@chickasaw.net.

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Rachel Wood 'Volunteer of the Year'; Misty Cain 'Parent Volunteer of the Year'

Head Start parents lauded at Appreciation Banquet



Chickasaw Nation Education executive officer Danny Wells honored Rachel Wood of Tishomingo as the Chickasaw Nation Community Volunteer of the Year at the Chickasaw Community Center during this year's Head Start Parent Appreciation Banquet on May 6.

Chickasaw Nation Head Start parents, staff and volunteers from all centers gathered on Monday, May 6 at the Chickasaw Community Center for the Head Start Parent Appreciation Banquet.

Chickasaw Nation Education honored a number of parent and community volunteers for their contributions to the early childhood education program.

Education executive officer Danny Wells presented numerous certificates and pins to honor volunteers from each center.

The Ardmore center's Classroom #3, led by Mrs. Hodges and Ms. Lauri, was recognized as the Reading is Fundamental (RIF) class of the year for reading 369 books, the most across all four centers. With 37 volunteers, the Tishomingo was congratulated as the center with the most RIF volunteers.

Special recognition plaques were given to the Head Start program's overall volunteers of the year; Rachel Wood of Tishomingo was honored as the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Community Volunteer of the Year; and Misty Cain of Sulphur took home the Chickasaw Nation Head Start Parent Volunteer of the Year award.

Ada honorees included; Waylon Cotanny, Center President/Reporter/Policy Council Representative Member; Ariel Miller Center Secretary; Sarah Wilson, Policy Council Repre-

sentative Member; Kelly Cook, Policy Council Community Representative/Chairperson; Ashlie Stick, Classroom #1 Top Parent Volunteer; Lisa Impson, Policy Council Representative Member/Classroom #3 Top Parent Volunteer; Cynthia Logan, Classroom #4 Top Parent Volunteer; Clair Bohanon, Foster Grandparent Classroom #2; Paul Ingram, Foster Grandparent Classroom #1; Wanda Keller, Policy Council Member/Ada Center Top Community Volunteer and Lori Cotanny, Classroom #2 Top Parent Volunteer/Ada Center Top Parent Volunteer.

The Ardmore center recognized; Malaika Horton, Center President/Policy Council Representative Member; Kim Piggee, Center Reporter/Policy Council Representative Member; Rebecca Corbell, Classroom #1 Top Parent Volunteer; Kathy Boyd, Policy council Representative Member/Classroom #2 Top Parent Volunteer; Dia Davis, Center Reporter/Classroom #3 Top Parent Volunteer; Dana Love, Classroom #4 Top Parent Volunteer; Helen Caudle, Center Secretary/Policy Council Representative Member/Classroom #5 Top Parent Volunteer; Shirley Brown, Foster Grandparent Classroom #5; Lucille McCown, Foster Grandparent classroom #4; Clvonna Jones, Foster Grandparent Classroom #2; Dorothy Pickens, Foster Grandparent Classroom #1;



Education executive officer Danny Wells presents Misty Cain with a plaque and pin in recognition of her volunteer efforts throughout the year. Ms. Cain was honored as the overall Parent Volunteer of the Year.

Nonie Taliaferro, Ardmore Center Top community Volunteer and Shelly McGlocklin, Center Vice-President/Policy Council Rep. Member/Classroom #6 Top Parent Volunteer/Ardmore Center Top Parent Volunteer.

Tishomingo award winners were; Tommy Brown, Center President; Michelle Orr, Center

Vice-President; Amy Underwood, Center Secretary; Sarah Carter, Policy Council Alternate Representative Member; Katrina Turnbull, Policy Council Representative Member; Sheimeka Davis, Classroom #1 Top Parent Volunteer; Rachel Wood, Top Parent Volunteer and Desiree Brown, Policy

Council Representative Member/Classroom #2 Top Parent Volunteer/Tishomingo Center Top Parent Volunteer.

Sulphur honorees included; Jon Scott, Center President; Seth Graves, Center Vice-President; Patricia Griffin, Center Reporter; Brandi Glover, Policy Council Alternate Representative Member; Benny Wallace, Policy Council Community Representative Member; Jamie Amos, Policy Council Secretary; Dustin Woodruff, Policy council Mentor; Shanda Loper, Policy Council Vice-Representative/Classroom #1 Top Parent Volunteer; Sharon Sartors, Sulphur Center Top Community volunteer and Misty Cain, Classroom #2 Top Parent Volunteer/Sulphur Top Parent Volunteer.

For more information regarding the Chickasaw Nation Head Start program, contact the Chickasaw Nation Education at (580) 421-7711, www.chickasaw.net or an area Head Start center.

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Chickasha Holitoplich graduates



Twenty-one Chickasha Holitoplich (Honors Program) students graduated from East Central University in Ada on Saturday, May 11. Beginning with sophomore year, the Chickasha Holitoplich program awards Chickasaw students for continuing education and academic success. Pictured are 10 of the honor graduates. From left are Winter Bass, Regina Golden, Theea Swinford, Joshua Hatton, Sandra Steele, Jerris Egge, Forrest Cheadle, Angela Gore, Kelsie Sweat and Adrian Gold.

Jaden Rae Miller Stick

Jaden Rae Miller Stick is a 2013 graduate of Byng High School, Byng, Okla. She is the daughter of Steven and Dana Godwin, of Ada, Okla. She is the granddaughter of Linda Stick, of Ada, Val Miller, of Ada, and the late Lucille and Cecil Miller, of Tupelo, Okla.

Jaden is active in Native Voices, Family Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), stagecraft and Upward Bound.

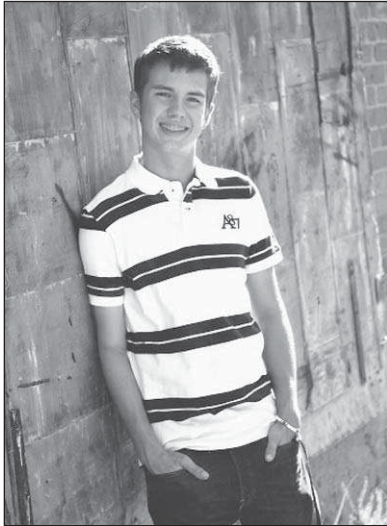
She plans to attend East Central University, Ada, to pursue a degree in mass communications.

We love you Jaden and we are all so proud of you!

Mom, Dad and Jazmyn



Andrew Sean Cole



Andrew Sean Cole is a 2013 graduate of Deer Creek High School, Edmond, Okla. He is the son of Sean Smith Cole and Noelle Madelaine Cole. He is the grandson of the late Smith Cole, a descendant of Mabel Smith, an original enrollee, and Winchester Colbert. He is related to the Honorable Justice Barbara Anne Smith.

Andrew earned varsity letters as the goalkeeper in soccer. He participated in Business Professionals of American (BPA), the Robotics Team, was a member of the National Honor Society and the Chickasaw Nation Honor Roll. He received the Deer Creek Foundation award. He graduated Magna Cum Laude.

He will attend Oklahoma State University where he received the Academic Excellence Scholarship. His plans are to pursue a double major in aerospace engineering and mechanical engineering.

Cheyenne Nicole Christie Eades



Cheyenne Nicole Christie Eades is a 2013 graduate of Ardmore High School, Ardmore, Okla. She is the daughter of Darla Thompson and Billy L. Eades. She is the granddaughter of the late LeRoy and Larine Christie and the late Christine Gilpin Christie.

Cheyenne was active in basketball and softball. She was a member of the AHS Dreamcatchers and served as vice-chairman and was named the 2012-2013 Princess. She is currently attending Southern Oklahoma Technical Center (SOTC) to earn her certified nurses aid license.

She plans to attend SOTC in the fall to earn her licensed practical nurses degree and to further her education as the University of Oklahoma or the University of Kansas to earn a registered nurses degree.

Ariana Hurst



Ariana Hurst is a 2013 graduate of Tecumseh High School, Tecumseh, Okla. She is the daughter of Randell and Pamela Hurst. She is the granddaughter of John Atkins, of Garland, Texas, Katherine Deere, of Tecumseh and James and LaQuita Hurst of Tecumseh.

Adriana is active in the Beta Club, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) and was a cheerleader for two years. She was involved in math camp for the past two summers and plans to work there this summer with the program. She currently works at DC Cake Appeal in Shawnee, Okla.

She plans to attend Seminole (OK) State College to pursue an accounting degree.

Ariana has made her parents very happy with all of her accomplishments. She has a bright future ahead of her. Although her grandmother Kay has passed, she would have been very proud of her. I know that she is looking down and smiling just as her poppy John is proud of her.

May the Lord keep blessing you throughout your future.

We love you,
Mom

Katie Nicole Miller



Katie Nicole Miller is a 2013 graduate of Latta High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of Steve and Carla Miller.

Katie has been active in softball for four years, basketball for three years, cheerleading for one year, Fellowship of Christian Athletes for four years, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America for four years. She is a member of Morris Memorial Baptist Church, Ada.

She plans to attend East Central University. Her major is undecided.

Jonathan Sneed



Jonathan Sneed is a 2013 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Chester and Regina Sneed. He is the grandson of Virginia and James Blen and Chester and Janet Sneed.

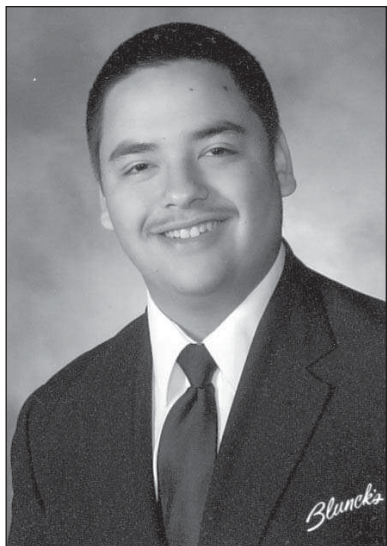
Jonathan enjoyed playing the baritone and the bass drum for the Ada High School band.

His plans are to work and attend college.

Good luck son! We love you!

Mom and Dad

Hayden R. Gill



Hayden R. Gill is a 2013 graduate of Vanoss High School, Ada, Okla. He is the son of Esther Gill. He is the grandson of Virginia Sam and the late Louie Sam and Larry and Wanda Gill.

Hayden served as the 2012 - 2013 treasurer of Future Farmers of American and he was active in the Johnson O'Malley Program. He enjoys spending time with family and friends and hunting and fishing.

His plans are to attend the Tulsa Welding School.

Ashton Leigh Rees

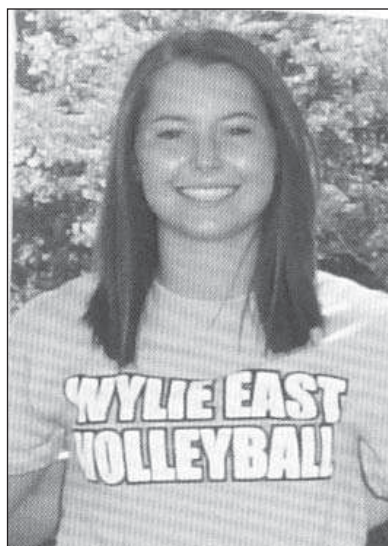


Ashton Leigh Rees is a 2013 graduate of Thayer High School, Thayer, Mo. She is the daughter of Ray and LaRee Rees. She is the granddaughter of Betty Howard, the great-granddaughter of Geneva Polk Courtney and the great-great-granddaughter of Minne Kinney Harris, who is the granddaughter of former Governor Cyrus Harris.

Ashton was an A+ student. She was named 2013 Court Warming Queen, voted Class Clown, Most Outgoing and Most School Spirit. She participated in basketball, cheerleading and served as cheer captain. The awards she received in Cheerleading are: Leadership, Most Dedicated, Captains Award, UCA Captain All-American nominee and NCA All-America. She was a member of Family, Career and Community Leaders of American (FCCLA), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), the Spanish Club, Youth Alive, on the yearbook staff and served as class president. Ashton performed with "Spirit of American Productions" in the 2012 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Thank you Chickasaw nation for your help.

She plans to attend Truman State University, Kirksville, Mo., to study secondary education.

Morgan Shaulis



Morgan Shaulis is a 2013 graduate of Wylie East High School, Wylie, Texas. She is the daughter of Robin Gray. She is the granddaughter of Marlene and Leroy Hoffard and Mike and Brenda Gray.

Morgan graduated with a 4.15 grade point average. She served as captain of the varsity volley and softball team and played charity ball "Ragball" for the school.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University, Tarleton, Texas) to pursue a degree in animal science.

Jacob Allan Frazier



Jacob Allan Frazier is a 2013 graduate of Asher High School, Asher, Okla. He is the son of Ritchie and Angie Frazier. He is the grandson of Truman and Anita Frazier, Carol Frazier and Jackie Chappman.

Jacob was an honor student and was active in baseball and basketball.

His plans are to attend East Central University, Ada, Okla.

Macee Brooke Wyatt



Macee Brooke Wyatt is a 2013 graduate of Ada High School, Ada, Okla. She is the daughter of LaVonne Wyatt. She is the granddaughter of Chuck and Betty Wasson, Dickinson, Texas, the late Joe and Peggy Riddle and the late Bobby and Karen Wyatt. She is the sister to Jayla Kay Wyatt, of Ada.

Macee was a member of the Ada High School Mock Trial Team, Tantettes, Ruff Ryders, the yearbook staff, Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA), Business Professionals of America (BPA) and former president of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). She is an American Heart Association Sweetheart for 2012-2013 and has been a member of the Chikashasha Apihchi Ikbi Youth Leadership Program for four years.

She plans to attend Imagine Paul Mitchell Partnership School in Norman, Okla.

Macee is a proud Chickasaw and is very thankful for the many opportunities available through the Chickasaw Nation.

Dixie Jenea Taylor

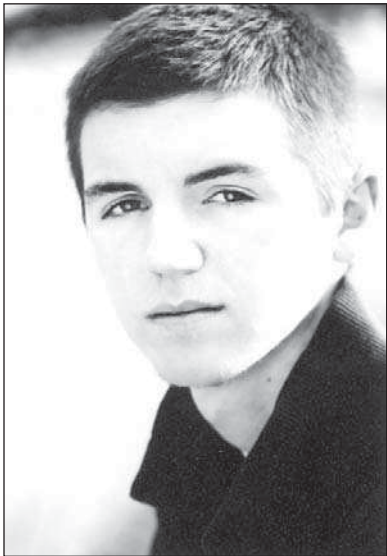


Dixie Jenea Taylor is a 2013 graduate of Bullard High School, Bullard Texas. She is the daughter of Todd and Gina Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Joe and Jenny Roberts, of Lone Grove, Okla.

Dixie is a member of the National Honor Society, the Key Club, student council and served as vice president of Future Farmer's of America (FFA). In FFA she was an area winning Creed Speaker, participated in state livestock judging, a recipient of the DeKalb Award and numerous swine projects. She is a recipient of the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Scholarship where she showed a Reserve Champion Barrow. She serves as a leader in her youth group at Flint Baptist Church.

She plans to attend Tarleton State University, Tarleton, Texas, to pursue a degree in agriculture marketing.

Andrew David Biscan



Andrew David Biscan is a 2013 graduate of Mehlville High School, St. Louis, Mo. He is the son of David and Gretchen Biscan. He is the grandson of the late Charlie and Marge Biscan, of St. Louis and Charles and Lee Anne Koehler, of Joplin, Mo. He is the great-great-great-great-grandparents were Joel Kemp and Mariah Colbert, who operated the Red River Ferry between Oklahoma and Texas in the 1800s.

Drew will graduate June 2. He attended DeSmet Jesuit High School for the first three years before transferring to Mahlville his senior year. He was active in basketball and baseball at DeSmet and was selected for the DeSmet jazz band playing bass guitar. His senior year at Mehlville he pitched for the varsity baseball team. He has accumulated

approximately 200 hours of community service, part of which was working with special needs children. He has carried a 3.60 grade point average, been on the honor roll throughout high school, and earned 12 college hours. He participated in Honors Spanish and math for four years. While in elementary school he and friends formed a band "10 Miles South" now known as "Vibraslap" performing at local venues. The group as completed their first cd which contains their original songs. He also plays the drum and piano. The CD can be view on YouTube.

His plans are to attend Westminster College, at Fulton, Mo., on an academic scholarship. He plans to pursue a degree in sports management and he will be pitching for the Westminster Blue Jays baseball team. This summer he will work at Gateway Metals and will continue pitching for the St. Louis Gamers, an elite traveling baseball team.

Banoo Danira Hermosilla

Banoo Danira Hermosilla is a 2013 graduate of Douglas McArthur High School, San Antonio, Texas. She is the daughter of Dr. Carlos Hermosilla and Tammy Castro-Leduc. She is the granddaughter of Thomas Hogland, the great-granddaughter of Ward Hogland and the great-granddaughter of Mazine Hogland.

Banoo has been accepted to the University of Heidelberg in Germany where she is currently living and has began her studies.



Dakota Preston Jones



Dakota Preston Jones is a 2013 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He is the son of Jeff and Alisha Jones, of Midwest City.

He graduated cum laude May 11, with a bachelor's degree in history education.

He will be teaching at Mustang, Okla.

We are extremely honored and blessed with Dakota.

Shelby Alexander



Shelby Alexander is a 2013 graduate of South Grand Prairie High School, Grand Prairie, Texas. She is the daughter of Terry and Ellen Alexander. She is the granddaughter of Wayne Alexander and the great-granddaughter of original enrollee Ernest Alexander.

Shelby is in the top 5% of her class of 640. She was a member of the softball team and was named to the All-District first team, the South Grand Prairie MVP award and was named honorable mention on the Dallas Morning News All-Area Team for the 2012 season. As a sophomore she was named the District 7 Pitcher of the Year and newcomer of the year as a freshman. She was on the All District Academic Team for four ears and listed in the 2011 Reader's

Choice MVP for DFW VYPE magazine.

She plans to attend Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, La., on an academic scholarship.

Kensley Grace Linn Conti

Kensley Grace Linn Conti is a 2013 graduate of Corona del Mar High School, Orange County, Calif. She is the daughter of Becki Conti (Chickasaw) and Edgar Lloyd Conti, Jr. She is the granddaughter of Twila June Miller, and the grandniece of Susie Purcell, of Blanchard, Okla. She is the great-granddaughter of Jewell Eugenia "Mannie" Nichols original enrollee #40 and the great-great-granddaughter of Velary Etta Colbert, who was born on the Trail of Tears.

Kensley loves dancing and has been a member of the varsity dance team, Orchesis, for four years, serving as vice president her senior year, dancing at rallies, school events and the annual show. She won first place for Orange County in the category of dance choreography in the national "Reflections" 2013 PTA Arts Awards program.

She is very proud of her Chickasaw Heritage and recently choreographed a dance dedicated to her Native American roots.

She served as president of HALO (Healing Autism through Learning Opportunities) and has been on ASB (Associated Student Body) for two years, is active with "Best Buddies", her local church. She is on the Principal's Honor Roll and was recently awarded the Presidential Service Award for completing 250 community service hours.

She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin, to study public relations/advertising and continue her love for school and dance as a member of the UT Pom Squad.



Mandy Nash



Mandy Nash is a 2013 graduate from the University of Oklahoma. She earned a degree in administrative leadership and graduated with special distinction and carried a 4.0 grade point average. She graduated from Rose State College in 2010 with honors and special distinction carrying a 4.0 grade point average.

Her family Bryan, Bryanna and Brendan are very proud of her and all her life's accomplishments.

Rachael Kay Collins



Rachael Kay Collins is a 2013 graduate of the Murray State College Nursing program, Tishomingo, Okla.

She graduated May 10 earning a registered nurse's degree.

She is married to Derek Collins and the couple has three children, Redek, 2, and identical twin girls, Ralee and Rylan, 6 months.

She is the daughter of Vicky and Bill Gold and Buddy Tartsah.

Thank you to the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center for the great care the twins received during their hospitalizations and a special thank you to the School-to-Work program for the understanding and support.

Congratulations Rachael, we are very proud of your accomplishment. You have endured a lot over the past year and your strength, determination and spirit has paid off.

Marcia Christine Gibson



Marcia Christine Gibson is a 2013 graduate from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge. She is the daughter of Steve and Lisa U. Gibson. She is the granddaughter of Noweta Underwood, daughter of Lillian Sacra an original enrollee.

Marcia earned a masters of architecture degree. Commencement was May 17 and followed by a class crawfish boil.

She is from Tomball, Texas, and received her bachelors of environmental design degree from Texas A&M University in 2011. Leaving College Station she interned the 2011 summer in Dallas. She worked four semesters as a research assistant for on of the graduate professor's and last summer interned at a Baton Rouge, La., architect firm.

We wish to thank the Chickasaw Nation for the financial aid her entire college career. It would have been much more difficult for her had she not had the support and we are very grateful.

Congratulations Marcia. You have worked hard.

Marissa R. Wright

Marissa R. Wright is a 2013 graduate from the University of Oklahoma, Norman. She is the daughter of Camille Burris Wright and Morgan Wright. She is the granddaughter of Terry Wright, Charles and Laurie Wright and David Burris.

Marissa graduated with academic distinction earning a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a minor in Native American studies. She graduated her final semester on the Dean's Honor Roll and the President's Honor Roll. She has been accepted to the University of Oklahoma's Community Counseling Master's Program next fall. She will be working with a Choctaw professor, Rockey Robbins, on Native American mental health research.

After graduate school she plans to work for the Chickasaw Nation to help counsel the Chickasaw people.

I want to thank my family and grandparents for all the love and support throughout my undergraduate years. I could not have done it without them.



Elizabeth Rose Biele

Elizabeth Rose Biele is a 2013 graduate from Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, N.C. She is the daughter of Steve and Debbie Biele, of Charlotte, N.C. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Rose Blankenship, of Stonewall, Okla.

Elizabeth earned a bachelor of science degree in communication sciences disorders. She was awarded with Latin Honor in Cum Laude and received the Chickasaw stole.

She will continue her graduate studies to pursue a doctorate degree in audiology.



Duncan Angels take title at Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament

ADA, Okla. - The Duncan Angels were named tournament champions at the Fifth Annual Chickasaw Foundation T-Ball Tournament April 27 at the Kiwanis Baseball Park in Ada.

One hundred thirty-one children, six-years-old and younger, participated in the 10-team, double-elimination tournament to benefit the Chickasaw Foundation, a non-profit organization that grants scholarships to dozens of college students each year.

In recognition of their victory, the Duncan Angels coach, Patrick Jones, and his team were presented a commemorative

team plaque. Team members Grayson Brooksher, Gage Jessan, Cooper Dobbins, Payton Jones, Austin Gibson, Jackson Poage, Ryder Gibson, Jayce Ramirez, Preston Giles, Brock Statton, Bryson Goedhart and Mason Teakell, took home individual bat bags and "Champion" t-shirts.

To benefit the Chickasaw Foundation, which grants scholarships to dozens of college students each year, 131 children, six-years-old and younger, participated in the 10-team, double-elimination tournament.

Coached by Clay Weller, the

tournament runners-up were the Tupelo Tigers. The Tigers are Peyton Ellis, Mika Matt, Colton Bourland, Cash Wafford, Talyon D'Aguanno, Dakota Ingram, Zak Matzkvech, Landyn Young, Zane Wilkerson, Kolton Romines, Kaden Romines and Davin Weller, received a team plaque, drawstring bags and "Runner-Up" t-shirts.

Third place went to Chris Palmer's Rugrats. The Rugrats are Mason Carter, JD Knighten, Maddox Cowart, Zoe Logan, Garrett Gambrell, Aria Luckey, Emma Gandy, Caydid Palmer, Levi Hayes, Taegus Poe, Brayden Holloway, Braxton Hol-

loway, Parker Wood and Aydan Wooten. The Rugrats also received a plaque and coupons from various sponsors.

A number of participants were also recognized for individual base-running, accuracy throwing and homerun derby contests.

Dakota Ingram won first in accuracy, followed by Colton Bourland and Caleb Cobb. Caleb won first in base-running, with Mika Matt and Deakon Smith close behind. In the homerun derby, Mika took first. Second went to Colton Bourland, third to Preston Giles.

In partnership with Oklahoma Cleats for Kids, bins were placed at the ball park for collection of gently used sports equipment and clothing.

Oklahoma Cleats for Kids is an Oklahoma City-based non-profit organization dedicated to providing kids in need access to sports equipment.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is "to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs."

May 26 marks 277th anniversary of important Chickasaw victory

Chickasaws crushed French, their allies at critical Battle of Ackia

BY GENE LEHMANN | CHICKASAW NATION MEDIA RELATIONS

When the smoke from black-powder muskets cleared the air on May 26, 1736, the Chickasaw Nation had rebuffed one of the most powerful armies in North America, killing approximately 100 invaders and fortifying the tribe's political and trading power in the ancestral homeland for the next 15 years.

As University of Mississippi anthropologist Jay K. Johnson wrote concerning the Battle of Ackia – fought on the site of present-day Tupelo, Miss. – “the Chickasaw victory marks what might be considered the high point of Chickasaw power in the region.”

The battle is legendary for many reasons. First, only about 100 Chickasaws warriors – armed with weapons acquired from English trading partners – held off a force of 544 French infantrymen, 45 Africans and 600 Choctaw warriors. While ending the lives of 100, the Chickasaws did not have a loss of life during the battle and “few” were injured, according to historical accounts.

Chief among the reasons for the decisive victory was how the Chickasaws constructed their villages, particularly the rectangular palisade forts with loopholed walls “complemented by round fortified houses,” also equipped with loopholes.

Utilizing this technology, the Chickasaws invincibly maintained their homeland against

relentless pressure from the French and Choctaws, both of whom would wage skirmishes with the Chickasaws primarily over past grievances in Indian slave trading and to expand hunting grounds ripe with deer whose hides were in high demand in London. A disease epidemic in the 1720-30s claimed cattle by the thousands in Europe thereby making cattle hides unavailable for clothing, hats and other fashion demanded by wealthy Europeans.

Indian hunters filled the need in abundance.

“More than one million deer hides were transported in one year to ports in Charleston for shipment to London,” said Jim Berryman of the Tennessee Valley Museum of Art in Tusculum, Ala., during a recent interview. “They didn’t bring the trade value of beaver pelts, but it was pretty close.”

Because of the high demand, deer were nearly annihilated by 1750 in the ancestral territory.

But, like most fights, the Battle of Ackia was over territory – with a heavy touch of revenge. The French wanted territorial control along a stretch of the Mississippi River. The Chickasaws were determined to prevent trespassing.

The Battle of Ackia was the second of two fights that would crush French forces and their Indian allies.

The Battle of Ogoula Tchetoka

The French insisted the Chickasaws turn over Natchez Indians living among them. The Chickasaws refused. The Natchez were living with the Chickasaws following their defeat by the French and Choctaws in 1729. French trade influence reached from New Orleans to Canada. However, it had become difficult for the French to move past Chickasaw- and Natchez-controlled territory along the Mississippi River. The French, under the direction of Louisiana Gov. Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville – the father of New Orleans – waged war with the Natchez in the late 1720s and scattered or killed many of them. Many Natchez took up refuge among the Chickasaw.

Bienville wanted to slay the remaining Natchez and decimate the Chickasaw as well. His battle plan to bring his goals to fruition involved a “squeeze” maneuver. He planned to send two French forces from the north and south to box in the Chickasaws. The northern force would be commanded by Pierre d’Artaquette, of the Louisiana district, and Bienville would attack from the south. They were set to attack Chickasaw villages on March 31, 1736.

But fate was on the side of the 200 Chickasaw warriors. Bienville was late to his own

party. He sent word via messenger telling d’Artaquette to judge whether to attack or wait.

With 130 French militia regulars and 366 Native American warriors, d’Artaquette decided to attack. His forces were routed by the Chickasaw. When the French and their allies attempted to retreat, Chickasaw warriors pursued them, capturing the invaders’ black powder and lead shot ammunition cache. Losses were heavy for the French and many prisoners were taken by the Chickasaw. They were turned over to the tribe’s British allies in South Carolina.

The Battle of Ackia

Stung by the defeat at Ogoula Tchetoka, Bienville wrote it was “absolutely necessary some bold and remarkable blow be struck to impress the Indians with a proper sense and respect and duty toward us.” Stalled in the first battle days to the south, Bienville planned a southern assault on the Chickasaw at Ackia.

Chickasaws, using a naturally high escarpment on which to construct the Ackia village, had the upper hand. French militia were much like the British in warfare – they advanced in a straight line, side-by-side. Historical accounts say Chickasaw gunmen showered them with lead balls, killing and wounding many. When French and Choctaw forces

decided to hunker down along the hillside, they were essentially pinned down and were unable to retreat or advance. French and Choctaw casualties grew at an alarming rate and the French forces fell back “without having been able to make the slightest breach” in the Chickasaw village.

War campaigns between the factions would continue into 1739 and historical accounts show Chickasaws did not lose a battle, or a skirmish, or succumb to enemy forces at any time during this period. In 1740, Bienville and the Chickasaws decided to end the fighting with a treaty, but so tarnished was Bienville’s reputation, he was forced to resign as governor of the Louisiana district following the treaty’s signing at Chickasaw bluffs, near present-day Memphis, Tenn.

Despite the Chickasaw population being attacked by European diseases such as smallpox, influenza and measles, the tribe was at its zenith of power in 1740. By 1750, however, less than 2,000 Chickasaws remained. European settlers moved into ancestral areas and tensions reached a boiling point. By the time the Chickasaws were removed to Indian Territory on July 4, 1837, 3,001 Chickasaws embarked from Memphis, crossing the Mississippi River onto the Trail of Tears which led to Indian Territory.

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Call for entries goes out for Ardmore's Red River Art Show

ARDMORE, OKLA. - A call for artist entries has gone out for the 2nd Annual Red River Art Show & Sale.

The art show will be Saturday, August 24, at the Ardmore Convention Center. The show is open to all artists 18 years and older working in oil, water media, pastel, drawing and sculpture. Artists selected for the show are eligible for \$3,500 in art awards.

Art show participants will be juried-in by Anne Morand, curator of The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. The theme for this year's event is "American Art."

The Red River Art Show & Sale is the annual fundraising event for Good Shepherd Community Clinic, Inc. The clinic provides medical, dental and vision care free of charge to patients who lack options for health care in a five-county

area of south central Oklahoma.

Last year the event attracted more than 430 "by reservation only" guests and featured 25 juried artists from across the U.S. This year the art show will be open for public viewing from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The "by reservation only" event that evening will feature an art reception, silent auction, catered dinner, special entertainment by performing artist Richard Hight and dancing to the band "Hook."

The artist entry deadline is Wednesday, July 3. The entry fee is \$40, which entitles each artist to submit up to four works.

For more information about artist entry guidelines and submissions or to purchase event tickets, please contact the Good Shepherd Community Clinic, Inc. at www.gscardmore.com or (580) 223-3411.



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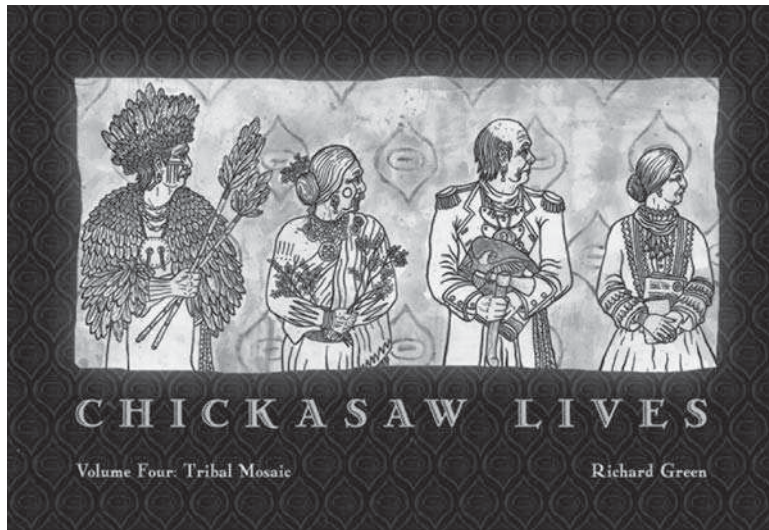
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Press' 'Chickasaw Lives' garners non-fiction award



Chickasaw Lives Volume Four: Tribal Mosaic, published in 2012 by the Chickasaw Press, has been honored by the Independent Publishers Book Awards.

The book, a compilation of articles researched and written by historian Richard Green, won the bronze medal in the Mid-West Regional Non-Fiction category of the annual awards. The awards, sponsored by *Independent Publisher* magazine, were announced in late April.

"Chickasaw Press is proud to continue its unbroken tradition of earning recognition in the publishing world for the quality of our titles, Press director Wiley Barnes said.

"The book business has honored our efforts with at least one significant award every year beginning with *Chickasaw: Unconquered and Unconquerable*, our first book."

Mr. Green is familiar to readers of Chickasaw Press through his three previous titles in the



RICHARD GREEN

popular Chickasaw Lives series - *Volume One: Explorations in Tribal History*, *Volume Two: Profiles and Oral Histories*, and *Volume Three: Sketches of Past and Present* - and *Te Ata: Chickasaw Storyteller, American Treasure*, published in 2006 by University of Oklahoma Press and now included in the Chickasaw Press catalog.

Chickasaw Lives, Volume Four is the culmination of a project by Mr. Green to research and write stories about Chickasaw history and people. In it, he presents 26 essays in six categories covering a wide range of topics, ranging from 18th and 19th century sketches, to books and treasures to cultural revivals.

The stories in *Volume Four* include a Chickasaw's struggle with the aftermath of the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City; a study of the mystique of the Chickasaw warrior; and the Chickasaw donation to the construction of the Washington Monument.

Also included in *Volume Four* is the story of the detective

work involved to find answers about an old flag said to have been presented to Chickasaw leader Levi Colbert for his bravery during the Battle of New Orleans.

All of Mr. Green's books are available through Chickasaw Press, 124 E. 14th St., Ada, OK 74820, telephone (580) 436-7282, or by visiting the Press website at www.chickasawpress.com.



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Chickasaw Nation Get Fresh! program sets fun, healthy cooking classes for June

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These exciting cooking shows are free and open to the public and demonstrate healthy cooking for the entire family. Participants leave with recipes, samples, nutrition education and new ideas to use every day.

The program also offers evening classes for those unable to attend during work hours. Below is a list of June dates and times:

Ada Nutrition Services, 518 E. Arlington

June 4: 10 a.m. and noon

June 6: 10 a.m. and noon

June 11: 10 a.m. and noon

June 13: 10 a.m. and noon

Ada Family Life/Wellness Center, 229 W. Seabrook

June 5: 10 a.m. and noon

June 12: 10 a.m. and noon

June 13: 10 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

Ardmore Nutrition Services, 2350 Chickasaw Blvd.

June 4: 10 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

June 5: 10 a.m. and noon

June 11: 10 a.m. and noon

June 12: 10 a.m. and noon

Purcell Nutrition Services, 1530 Hardcastle Blvd.

June 4: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

June 6: 10 a.m. and noon

June 11: 10 a.m., noon and 7 p.m.

June 13: 10 a.m. and noon

The Get Fresh! program is made possible through a partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and the USDA. More information about the program is available online at www.chickasaw.net.

Get Fresh! cooking classes are also available on www.chickasaw.tv, a high-definition online video network focusing on the Chickasaw people, history, traditions, art, culture and services.

Military care packages

The Chickasaw Nation distributes military care packages to service personnel stationed away from their permanent residences.

The military care package distribution list is made up of Chickasaws, spouses of Chickasaws, Chickasaw Nation employees, spouses of employees and children of employees on active duty and stationed away from their permanent residences.

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Kids celebrate Week of Young Child with fun parade



Aka Davenport and Quennah Harris don traditional dress at The Week of the Young Child kick-off parade on April 15.



Governor Bill Anoatubby served as grand marshal for The Week of the Young Child kick-off parade April 15.

ADA, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby served as grand marshal for The Week of the Young Child kick-off parade April 15.

Children from the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center marched to the tribal Wellness Center, and back, in recognition of the annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The Chickasaw Kids mascots, Nashoba and Pakali', and Ofi the dog were on hand to greet the excited children as they paraded down the route

with decorated signs, posters, banners, hats and handmade noisemakers.

Throughout the week, children, parents, teachers and staff participated in a number of kid-friendly activities including the Little Olympics, ice cream parties, bounce houses, preschool carnival, fun fair and petting zoo.

Every year, NAYEC sponsors The Week of the Young Child to increase public awareness about the importance of early childhood education, and to put focus on the needs of young children and their families.



Erica Berryman encourages Mia Phillips as she crawls her way through an obstacle course tunnel at The Week of the Young Child Little Olympics.

"While parents have the majority of interaction with young children during those first few years of life," Chickasaw Nation Director of Child Care Michelle Key said. "It is imperative to have business leaders and elected officials provide support for early childhood programs."

To learn more about the NAYEC and The Week of the Young Child visit www.naeyc.org.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation Department of Child Care, go to www.chickasaw.net or contact Chickasaw Nation Education at (580) 421-7711.

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Chickasaw Nation Riversport sets sail on Wintersmith Lake



Native youth paddle the Chickasaw Nation Riversport "dragon" boat around Wintersmith Lake on Saturday. The boat is fashioned to look like a traditional Chickasaw dugout and scales painted on the side resemble gar fish, which has special meaning to the Chickasaw People.

ADA, Okla. – A dragon boat, kayaks and canoes glided gracefully across Wintersmith Lake in Ada during a special program hosted last month by the Chickasaw Nation Riversport Youth Canoe/Kayak League. This marked the first time in approximately 20 years such an event was conducted on the local lake.

Approximately 100 individuals took part in the program which was two years in the making through cooperative efforts with the city of Ada.

Aasim Saleh, Chickasaw Nation Riversport program director, said one of the most enthusiastic boaters Saturday was Ada city manager Cody Holcomb, who brought his family to the park to participate.

"There were lots of people who came up and said they had not seen a boat or canoe on the

lake in 18-20 years," Saleh said. "People said scouts and youth would camp on the banks and enjoy boating."

Many are interested in bringing the event back to the area soon.

"Everybody was really positive about the event Saturday and we are dedicated to bringing our boats and expertise to the heart of the Chickasaw Nation in the future," he said.

Chickasaws, having lived and navigated the Mississippi River for centuries in the ancestral homelands, are getting reacquainted with boating through the Nation's Riversport program.

"It is in our blood," Saleh said.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby's determination to see Chickasaw youth become knowledgeable about their heritage, Saleh said,

spurred on the Chickasaw Nation Riversport League

On hand to help Chickasaws and others learn the art of kayaking and canoeing was Chickasaw youth Garrett Wampler. Garrett became the first Canoe/Kayak Nationals gold medalist for the Chickasaw Nation during competition last year in Seattle.

Then 12, Garrett competed as a member of the OKC Riversport Chickasaw Paddling Team

and raced for Oklahoma City in the men's 1,000-meter event. He was the first participant to join the Chickasaw paddling program when it launched in Oklahoma City in 2011.

On June 22, between 700-800 Chickasaws – youth, elders, and in between – will be hosted by the OKC Boathouse Foundation at a special event called the Chickasaw Picnic.

"It is a fantastic event and this year will be the third year

we've hosted it," Saleh said. "Everyone has a really good time and the elders particularly love to see the dragon boat."

The boat resembles a traditional Chickasaw dugout – complete with drum – and scales painted on the side resemble a gar fish, which has special meaning to the Chickasaw people.

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Tribe, City of Ardmore partner to collect hazardous waste



Hubert and Mildred English bring paint to be disposed of during the House Hazardous Waste event May 4 in Ardmore, Okla.

ARDMORE, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation recently partnered with the City of Ardmore in collecting more than 10,000 pounds of hazardous chemicals, 268 tires, 3,000 pounds of e-waste, and an estimated 2,200 pounds of paint during the first Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day May 4.

More than 140 families participated in the free event.

Public Utilities Director Shawn Geurin said the collection event was a good partnership event for the community.

"Household hazardous collection is a definite benefit to our community," Geurin said. "The Chickasaw Nation was great to work with and took the lead."

Carlem Wilkes, owner of

Tropical Designs and Tans in Ardmore, was eager to dispose of more than 600 lights used in the shop's tanning beds.

"I have collected these lights for the last five years," Ms. Wilkes said. "They have been taking space in a paid storage room. I had nowhere to get rid of them, no one would take them and they are too dangerous to put in a common dumpster. I am grateful the city and the Chickasaw Nation had this."

Many remarkable and unusual items were collected. Dave Johnson brought 25 nonworking fire extinguishers he had collected over the years.

"I collected fire extinguishers for years off old drilling rigs," Mr. Johnson said. "I sold the ones that worked. These



Chickasaw Nation's Phillip Pennington, left, and Habitat for Humanity ReStore manager Steve Kuntz work together to sort out usable paints to be sold at Habitat for Humanity ReStore.



Ardmore city workers carefully collect oil to be recycled.

were stacked in my backyard because they don't work and I didn't have anywhere to dispose of them because of the chemicals in them. I will definitely use this service again."

During the event, Ardmore

Fire Department personnel were on hand to ensure safety for participants and staff.

More than 250 tires were collected. The tires will be taken to a shredding facility where they will be used in the

production of asphalt, among other uses.

Three pallets of latex paint were also collected at the event. Volunteering at the paint station was Steve Kuntz, store manager of Habitat for Humanity ReStore. The store specializes in repurposing and reusing gently used items.

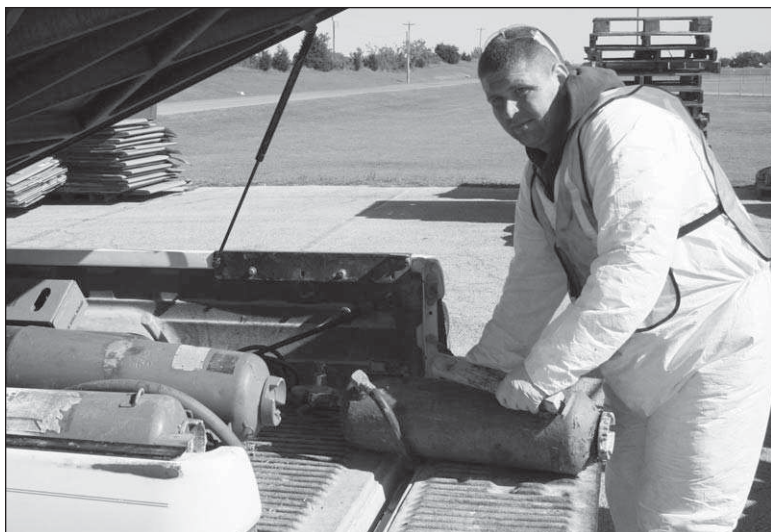
"I received a call from the Chickasaw Nation to pick up paint," Mr. Kuntz said. "The paint will go to people who can't afford to pay upwards of \$35 for a gallon of paint. We will sell it at \$7 to \$8 a gallon. I want to thank the Chickasaw Nation for taking the time to recycle paint through our store. It's a winning situation for the community."

The paint will be sold at a discount to the public. Profits from the store help build new homes for first-time buyers. More than 1,200 pounds of latex paint was donated, the rest was taken to the Chickasaw Nation ReUse Center for free distribution to the public.

Approximately 3,000 pounds of e-waste was collected. The e-waste will be sorted, recycled and disposed of properly.

Numerous pallets of hazardous materials, such as oil-based paint, chemicals, poisons and mercury were collected by a certified contractor.

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Trained contractors in hazmat suits encountered several unique and dangerous items as they unloaded more than 140 cars, trucks and trailers at the household hazardous waste collection event in Ardmore, Okla., May 4. The men encountered pressurized fire extinguishers, halogen lights, poisons and mercury.

Fire, safety inspector earns OSHA certification

A Chickasaw Nation Department of Community Services employee recently earned Safety, Health, and Environmental Professional (SHEP) credentials from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

Dewayne Price, fire and safety inspector, received his SHEP accreditation by taking 25 safety classes through the University of Texas at Arlington.

Mr. Price began working for the Chickasaw Nation five



Dewayne Price

years ago after retiring from a 20-year career in firefighting.

Mr. Price is now a member of a six-man team that inspects the safety of new construction, existing structures and buildings leased by the Chickasaw Nation. His specialty within the team is fire safety and maintaining other various safety codes.

"Our team reviews the safety of buildings," he said. "We were the first code department within a Native American tribe to receive national accreditation that certifies our work."

In addition to the recently earned SHEP certification, Mr.

Price has also participated in two other federal safety certification programs. He is a certified safety and health official in both general industry and construction industry.

Mr. Price is a graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma where he received a bachelor's degree in industrial safety.

OSHA is a federal agency whose mission is to reduce on-the-job injuries, illness and deaths. Since 1970, workplace deaths have declined more than 60 percent and occupational injuries and illness have declined 40 percent.

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CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

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OKLAHOMA

ACHILLE
Achille Area Chickasaws
Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.
Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma
Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council
Monthly, 2nd Thursday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council
1st Tuesday
Potluck at 6 p.m. and Meeting at 7 p.m.
Betty Smith at (405) 348-7459
pikeyscrossing@yahoo.com

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council
4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

TISHOMINGO

Johnston County Chickasaw Community Council
Bi-monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Ann Fink, 580-371-3351

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona
Quarterly Meetings
Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Inland Empire/Desert Cities Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.
Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224 or wchandler@socal.rr.com

Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado
Bi-Monthly
Stephen Bingham, 303-377-4637

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita
Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.
Lynn Stumblingbear, (316) 945-9219

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI

St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Quarterly
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen Connection
Semi-Annually
Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council
Quarterly
Kim Factor, 503-819-3097 or Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas
2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.

Charles Holland, 512-341-0024

Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas
Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.
Nancy McLarry, 830-537-4576 or 210-313-4576
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North Texas Chickasaw Community Council
3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas
Sandra Williams, 817-688-6566
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Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win \$100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

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Pacific Northwest Community Council

Happy Spring!

In celebration, the Pacific Northwest Council wishes to extend its gratitude to the Chickasaw Nation in Ada, Okla., for all its support. As we approach our four-year anniversary we're reminded that if not for the Nation, our council wouldn't be what it is today.

We especially owe gratitude to Vickye Gordon who has since re-

tired from the Nation. Vickye's hard work was hugely instrumental in not only getting our council up and running, but also in maintaining its success. We continue to appreciate all that the Nation does for us.

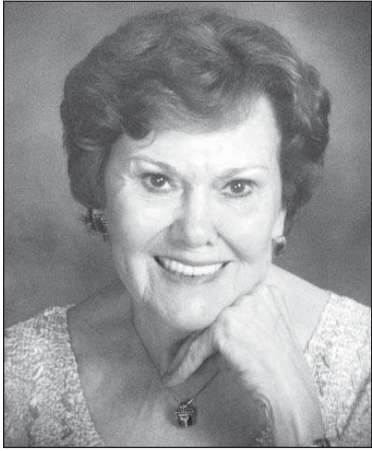
It's been through the tribe that many of our keynote speakers, food, prizes and resources are made possible. As such, we've ex-

tended invitation to the Legislators for our annual summer barbeque and we hope they'll be able to join us!

Our annual potluck picnic will be Saturday, July 27, starting at 11 a.m. at the Marshall Community Center in Vancouver Wash.

For council information, visit our website: <http://www.pnccc.us> or contact Kim Factor/Rena Smith.

Virginia L. Collins



Virginia L. Collins, 74, of Clarksville, Tenn., died May 1, 2013 at Baptist Hospital. A celebration of life was May 4 at Madison Street United Methodist Church with the Rev. Cliff Wright and the Rev. Sung Nam Kim officiating. Burial followed at Resthaven Memorial Gardens.

She was born November 2, 1938 at Lebanon, Okla., to Maurice and Gladys Vickers Orr.

She was granddaughter of the late Cliff and original enrollee Willie McGee Orr #3114.

She was the great-granddaughter of original enrollee the late Alexander #3112 and Margaret Culp McGee IW #335.

Mrs. Collins was an administrative assistant in varying capacities beginning with United Airlines then in the healthcare industry and lastly for a school district. She was a vibrant member of the church family at Madison Street United Methodist Church. She was active in the United Methodist Women's group and served as a former district officer, The Rebecca Group, Serendipity Group, Stephen's Ministry and served as president for the Willard Blue Sunday School class. She served as former president of the Gateway Hospital Auxiliary and was a current volunteer at the hospital gift shop.

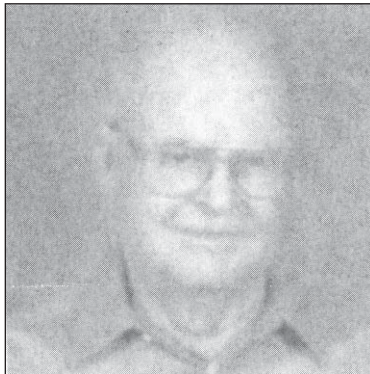
She has been reunited with her husband, Alexis B. Collins, who preceded her in death earlier this year.

She is survived by her son, Michael Mansfield and wife, Relna, of Farmington, Mich.; grandchildren, Marina, Joshua, David and wife Paula, and Christina; aunt, Mary Jones; and cousins, Mary Jane Lowery, Sue Shilling, Nancy Shilling, Joe Orr, Anna Mae Burns, Betty Cabaniss, Juanita Clement, and Fran Gambel, all from Oklahoma.

Pallbearers were Josh Mansfield, Frank Arendt, Bill Boon, Joe Evans, Robert Pickford, and Bobby Yingling. Honorary pallbearers will be David Mansfield, Evans Harvill, Dr. John Leddy, Mitchell Leslie, and members of the Willard Blue Sunday School Class.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to her husband's Scholarship Fund at Gateway Aux. Volunteer Services Fund, c/o Gateway Medical Center, 651 Dunlop Ln, Clarksville, TN 37040.

Jesse F. Darr Jr.



Jesse F. Darr, 72, of Denver City, Texas, died May 21, 2012 at the Yoakum County Hospital, following a lengthy illness. Services were May 23, 2012 First Baptist Church, Denver City with Pastor Mike Eberhardt officiating. Burial followed at the Denver City Memorial Park.

He was born February 28, 1940 at Pruitt City, Okla., to Susie (Hale) and Jesse F. Darr.

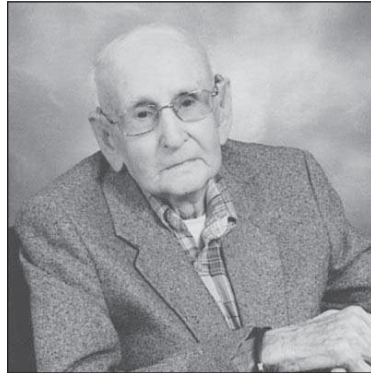
He married Joyce Crawford May 12, 1961 at Premont, Texas.

Mr. Darr worked as a lease operator for Arco Oil & Gas until his retirement in 1997. He was a resident of Denver City since 1970. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, woodworking and being outdoors.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Gregg in 2011; and a sister in 2008.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce, of Denver City; a son, David and wife, Jodi, of Andrews, Texas; and four grandchildren, Shelbie, Chase, Chance and Shyan, all of Andrews.

C.L. "Bill" Harkins



C.L. "Bill" Harkins, 102, of Tishomingo, Okla., died May 17, 2013 at the Arbor House Assisted Living Center in Mustang, Okla. Services were May 22 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Luke Holmes officiating. Interment followed at the Tishomingo Cemetery.

He was born December 23, 1910 at Emet, Okla., to Charlie C. Harkins and Lula (Harris) Harkins.

He grew up in the area and attended high school classes on the campus of Murray State College.

He married Edith Derrick August 13, 1938 at Emet. They moved to Borger, Texas in 1943 and he worked for many years as a warehouseman for the Phillips Petroleum Company. He was also a farmer.

They returned to Johnston County in 1977 from Borger.

His wife, Edith, preceded him in death September 2, 1987. He married Evelyn Trammell Feb. 19, 1988. She preceded him in death October 30, 2008.

He was very proud of his Chickasaw heritage and was the grandson of former Chickasaw Governor R.M. Harris.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and playing dominoes. He was a long time member of the First Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters; and four brothers.

He is survived by a daughter, Sue Sanders, of Blanchard, Okla.; two grandsons, Mike Sanders and wife, Brenda, of Tuttle, Okla., and Greg Sanders and wife, Kristy, of Blanchard; a granddaughter, Donna Wildman and husband, Tony, of Rhome, Texas; and seven great-grandchildren, Jesse, Gage, Brook and Savanna Sanders and Dillon, Morgan and Jason Wildman.

Pallbearers were the members of his church.

Online condolences may be sent to clarkfuneralservice.net

Viola Lois Jim



Viola Lois Jim, 69, died May 9, 2013. Services were May 12 at Middle Creek #2, Holdenville, Okla., with Rev. George Harjoehe and Rev. Frankie Moppin officiating. Burial followed at Cornell Family Cemetery.

She was born June 23, 1943 at Pontotoc County to Martin Stick and Ceclia Johnson-Alexander.

She moved to Shawnee, Okla., from Holdenville 37 years ago.

She attended Chillico Boarding School in 1957 where she met Harvey and they wed March 1, 1965 at Oklahoma City.

She worked in the medical field most of her life spending 19 years working at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City.

She was preceded in death by her husband; both parents; two sisters; three brothers; one son; three daughters; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary Tsootaddle, Ceclia Jim and Debra La Flore; four sons, Harvey Jim, III, Thomas Jim, Sr., Joseph Jim and Chris Jim, all of Shawnee; five sisters, Louisa Marrs, of Connerville, Irene Banks and Charlene Vasquex, both of Ada, Okla., Dolores Alexander, of Midwest City and Darlene Meekes, of Cyril, Okla.; a brother, Bill Alexander, of Amber, Okla.; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Kenneth Keel



Kenneth Keel, 86, of Stratford, Okla., died January 27, 2013 at Oklahoma Veterans Home, Talihina, Okla. Services were Jan. 31, at the First Baptist Church in Stratford, Okla., with Jay Keel officiating. Burial followed at Keel Cemetery west of Stratford.

He was born November 23, 1926 at Stratford, Lewellyn Dink Keel and wife Bessie Jane (Jackson).

He married Katherine (Kay) Grinstead August 1, 1958 at Midwest City, Okla.

He served in the occupation of Japan. Served in Korea with the 45th. He also boxed in the Army.

He graduated from Norman (OK) High School. He played football, ran track and boxed with the Golden Gloves. He attended Cameron College, Lawton, Okla., and received a bachelor's degree from East Central University, Ada, Okla. He received a master's degree from Oklahoma University in Education.

He taught and coached football and track at Blanchard, Okla., and Putnam City, Okla. He retired after 27 years. After retiring he raised cattle on their farm south of Stratford, Okla.

He was 1/2 Chickasaw and served on the tribal legislature.

He was a member of the American Legion, NRA, and OEA.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers; and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife Kay, of the home, of Stratford; sons, Kenneth Glenn Keel and wife Linda, Nashville, Tenn., Robert Keith Keel, Stratford; a grand-daughter Mary Katherine Keel, Nashville; three brothers, Leland Keel, Virginia, Earl and Robert Keel, both of Oklahoma City; three sisters, Ann Butler, Virginia, Ruth Moss, Oklahoma City, Betty Lucas, Denver, Colo.

Pallbearers were Tommy Thompson, Lynn Keel, David Keel, Bobby Bemo, Steve Lucas, Lou Keel, Joshua Sawyer, and Billy Hickman

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSIONLegislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma

April 19, 2013

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods**Members absent:** Connie Barker, Dean McManus, David Woerz**Staff present:** Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel**Guests present:** Neil Lyon, Ken Weber, Robert Chambers, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson, Dana Lance, Gene Lehmann, Michael L. Wingo, S. Ashley Large

Chairperson Woods appointed Ms. Elliott as Secretary Pro Tempore in the absence of Ms. Barker.

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -
March 15, 2013

Mrs. Alexander offered an amendment to the minutes by including her comments on GR 30-026.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve the March 15, 2013, Session Minutes as amended.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2013, as amended, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs**General Resolution Number 30-029, Petroleum Pipeline Right of Way Easement in Murray County**

This resolution approves a petroleum pipeline right of way easement to BKEP Pipeline, LLC, an Oklahoma limited liability company, 6120 South Yale Avenue, Suite 500, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136. BKEP Pipeline LLC will install an 8" steel pipe to carry crude oil to a depth of 4 feet, sufficient enough to not interfere with the sod operation. Construction will take 30 days, plus or minus depending on weather, and will commence as soon as practical after approval of the

easement. BKEP Pipeline LLC will pay \$15,083.75 for the easement.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR30-029.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-029 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)

Announcements were made of the Purcell and the Chickasaw West Community Council meetings. Mrs. Alexander noted guests were present from the BKEP Pipeline LLC. Comments were made by Mr. Mike Watson requesting per capita payments be considered.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Elliott, Secretary Pro Tempore
Chickasaw Nation Tribal LegislaturePrepared by,
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

OBITUARIES

Arnold Eugene
Wright

Arnold Eugene Wright died April 17, 2013 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 100. He was born September 21, 1912 in Dougherty, Okla., to Joseph and Laura Jewel Harrison Wright.

A Chickasaw elder he was a descendant of Chickasaw Hall of Fame member John McLish. His great-grandparents were Mazeppa and Laura Johnson Turner.

He married Martha Dickerson Wright May 6, 1938 at Nashville, Tenn.

He was a graduate of the Oklahoma School for the Deaf, Sulphur, Okla.

He was preceded in death by

his parents; his wife; and two sons, Robert Wright and Joseph Wright; and a granddaughter, Jennifer Wright.

He is survived by his daughters-in-law, Sherma Sias Wright, of Sioux Falls, S.D. and Jerrie Shaffer Wright, of Sulphur; grandchildren, Deborah Wright Heesch, Sherrie Wright Gregory and Bill Wright; great-grandchildren, Kaylie Heesch Burgason, Brittany Gregory Barefield, Jordan Heesch and Cameron Gregory; and five great-grandchildren.

Health question call-in
for At-Large citizens

Are you a Chickasaw citizen living outside the tribal boundaries? Would you like more information on Chickasaw Nation Health programs and services available to you?

If so, call Amy Wampler, Services At-Large Case Manager, at 800-851-9136 ext. 61097.

Bradley Charles
Leslie

Bradley Charles Leslie, 53, of Yakima, Wash., died May 13, 2013.

He worked at Owens Cycle for many years before switching occupations and starting his own successful excavation company.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and just being in the outdoors.

A true God fearing American who loved people and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Richelle Leslie; a son, Thomas Leslie; a sister, Cheryle Keller; a brother, Steve Leslie; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was loved and will be missed by all who knew him.

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MAY 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 30-030**Gubernatorial Appointment to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission****Mr. Beryl Sears**

Explanation: This resolution approves Governor Bill Anoatubby's appointment of Mr. Beryl Sears to a term of office on the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission ending on December 31, 2015. Mr. Sears will represent Panola District.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs**General Resolution Number 30-031****Citation in Recognition and Gratitude to Governor Bill Anoatubby**

Explanation: This resolution is a Citation in Recognition and Gratitude to Governor Bill Anoatubby in recognition of his many years of successful and selfless public service to the Chickasaw Nation and State of Oklahoma, and his induction into the Oklahoma Historians Hall of Fame.

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs**Presented By:** Legislative Committee**Permanent Resolution Number 30-007****Amendments to Title 6 of the Chickasaw Nation Code****(Title IV-E Program)**

Explanation: This resolution amends Title 6, Chapters 2 and 3 of the Chickasaw Nation Code in order to better protect the health, safety and welfare of American Indian children within the Chickasaw Nation ju-

risdiction. Furthermore, certain provisions of Title 6 need to be amended to conform with the current deprived child, delinquent child and adoption procedures within the Chickasaw Nation District Court. Such amendments are also needed in order to comply with the requirements established by the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, as part of establishing the Chickasaw Nation's Title IV-E foster care reimbursement and adoption assistance program.

Chapters 2 through 5 of Title 6 will be reorganized as follows:

Chapter 2, "Indian Child Welfare"

Incorporated into Chapter 2, "Deprived Children."

(Modified for clarity; will promote compliance with the federal Title IV-E foster care reimbursement and adoption assistance program, which is awaiting federal agency final approval.)



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Chapter 3, Articles A-F

Divided into Chapter 2, "Deprived Children" and Chapter 3, "Delinquent Children."

(Modified for clarity; the Deprived Children provisions will promote compliance with the federal Title IV-E foster care reimbursement and adoption assistance program, which is awaiting federal agency final approval.)

Chapter 3, Article G, "Adoption"

Renumbered as Chapter 4, "Adoption."

(Modified for clarity; will promote compliance with the federal Title IV-E foster care reimbursement and adoption assistance program, which is awaiting federal agency final approval.)

Chapter 3, Article H, "Guardianships ..."

Renumbered as Chapter 5, "Guardianships ..."

Chapter 3, Article I, "Rights of Majority"

Renumbered as Chapter 6, "Rights of Majority."

Chapter 4, "Elderly"

Renumbered as Chapter 7, "Elderly."

Chapter 5, "Decedent's Estates ..."

Renumbered as Chapter 8, "Decedent's Estates ..."

Presented by: Legislative Committee **Yes**

votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole**May 13, 2013**

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Shana Hammond**Education Committee****May 6, 2013**

Present: Nancy Elliott, Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins

Absent: Steve Woods**Executive Ad Hoc Committee****May 6, 2013**

Present: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods, David Woerz

Finance Committee**May 13, 2013**

Present: Toby Perkins, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Human Resources Committee**May 6, 2013**

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Human Resources Committee**May 13, 2013**

Present: Dean McManus, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, Steve Woods

Hunting & Fishing Code**May 6, 2013**

Present: Steve Woods, Tim Colbert, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Legislative Committee**May 6, 2013**

Present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

2012 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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